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THE DRUNKARD'S DREAM.

The drinkard dream d of his o'd retreat, Of the cozy place in the tap-room seat: And the liquor gleamed in his gloating eye T ll his l ps to the spickling glass drew nigh. He lifted it up w th an eager glance, And sang, as he saw the bubbles dance, "Aha! I am myself ara n! Here's a truce to care, an adieu to pain. Welcome the cup with its creamy foam ! Farewell to work and a mapy home ! With a jolly crew and a flowing bowl ! In bar-room pleasures I love to roll!"

Like a flash, there came to the drunkard's side His angel child, who that night had died ! With took so gentle, and sweet, and fond, She touched his glass with her little wand . And oft as he raised it up to drink She silently tapped it on its trembling brink, Till the drunkard shook from head to crown, And sat the untasted goblet down. "Hey, man," cried the host, " what m Is the man sick? or the dram amiss? Cheer up. my lad ! quick the bumper quaff!" And he glared around with a flendish laugh.

The drunkard raised his glass once more, And looked at its depths, as so oft before : But started to see on its pictured foam The face of his dead little child at home ! And again the landlord at him sneered And the swaggering crowd of drunkard's jeered 1 But still, as he tried that glass to drink, The wand of the dead one tapped the brink !

The landlord gasped, "I swear, my man, Thou shalt take every drop of this flewing can !

The drunkard bowed to the quivering brim. Though his heart beat fastand his eye grew dim ; But the wand struck harder than ever before. The glass was flung on the bar-room floor ; All around the ring the fragments lay, And the poisoneus currant rolled away.

The drunkard woke. His dream was gone; It's bed was bathed in the light of morn ; But he saw, as he shook with pale, cold fear A beautiful angel hovering near. He rose; and that scraph was nigh him still ; It checked his passion, it swayed his will, It dashed from his lips the maddening bowl, And victory gave to his ransomed soul !

Since ever that midnight hour he dreamed Our hero has been a man redeemed, And this is the prayer that he prays alway, And this is the prayer let us help him pray : That angels may come, in every land, To dash the cup from the drankard's hand.

"Speak gently, kindly, to the poor; Let no harsh term be heard ; They have enough they must endure Without an unkind word."

(Copy right secured) IS IT POSSIBLE? A STORY FROM REAL LIFE!

WRITTEN FOR THE PRESENT AGE, BY ANNIE DENTON CRIDGE.

done if I am working for you every moment." position. At last the silence was broken by folks didn't live before Vegetarians were and ceremonies, their love of truth, and their commencing the practice of calculating, math-"O don't tak a whole string of big words Mrs. Carman, who said, "Jane, I want thee born! Fee-dee! I have no patience with serupulous adherence to that which they re- ematically, does not at once readily grasp the - 'respite !' -- 'leisure !' -- 'purpose !' fee-dee ! not to think of what I said this morning ; I such simpletons ! never mind me Jane," Mrs. gard as such." thee better content thyself as thee is; folks am sorry I insulted thee, but thee sees I have Carman then added good naturedly; "thee "So do I, Jane; but the Quakers are not and thinks until to calculate thus becomes get no good by stretching out for something to hurry so; I have such a large family and knows me; Charles is a smart and clever to the world now what they were in the days easy; or until his mind has become schooled so far away. Thee is so discontented thy so much to do, and when I'm hurrying I say man. He is not a Quaker, but I suppose of William Penn and George Fox; they were to hard thinking, and he can think to a point through the day when the children are round; As Mrs. Carman said this, the tears rolled On the next day all in the house were woke ceremonies; but now they are, I think, forms in spirit-life in the art of concentration of and now, when thee could work and do some down her face, showing that the good pre- at five o'clock-wash-tubs, wash-boards and and ceremonies only; keeping on hats, "thee" will and thought to the purpose of costrolling second grade female clerk is to get \$2,000, a

Jane calmly and firmly replied, "Mrs. Carman, you overstep every bound of propriety." left in her room writing, while Isaac and the the other; and as Jane entered the room she masons are their badges." "Mrs !'- 'you !' oh, dear ! thee does not elder children are in meeting. always use plain language, then ! I thought While we have been talking, Jane has evi- to dress; it wouldn't hurt thee if thee was "There may be some truth in what thee says, of controlling circles for physical manifesta-females is, that they all belong to three grades, it funny if thee did, when thy father was not dently been studying, for several books lie on to take hold and wash some ; push that tub Lucretia ; but yet there is a core, a Divine tions.

But Jane proceeded: "Nothing can give sister Jessie, which she has been answering; daughter, seventeen years of age) thee and let us read what Jessie says: you a right to the whole of my time. No let us read what Jessie says: to have this wash out of the way hefore break to have the an etc. you a right to the whole of my time. seamstress in this city works every waking "At DEAR JANE :-- I have allowed some time to moment for her employer; but if every one did so, that would not prove it right. You say you are opposed to slavery; you some-times express great indignation at the treat-ment of slaves, declaring they are as good as white people, etc., etc. If you were to so glad! Hope shines as brightly in my soul as the result.-- an going too. Is og all the observed in the summer sky; it will not always be night; your ideas. I beg pardon, but I think nature

"O, thee is the most impudent thing I ever saw! I'll tell Isaac-I'll tell Isaac, I will, the moment he comes in. Slave-driver ! (lifting her apron to her face and weeping) Slave-driver ! thee is an impudent thing ! Thee has sat at the table with us, been one of us, been introduced to company! I'll tell Isaac ! he thinks butter won't melt in thy

mouth - introducing thee to this one and that one; and then thee turns round and calls me as usual. When will we be together in Philadelphia ? that is he question. Two months probably. Meantime, Janc, thee must keep a close lockent in the Ledger. Could we procure situations together that would be a slave driver !'

Here Mrs. Carman indignantly let ber apron fall on her lap, and resumed her sewing, saying : "But the other day my colored girl in the kitchen said she wondered I let our nurse-girl sit at the tab'e with us."

Mother is about as usual, but thee knows she nev-er complains. O Jane, could thee, mother and I be ogether! Haste on old Time, and bring it to pass ! Fare thee well; we will soon be together; then together we'll combat Dame Fortune; probably we will then present such a formidable aspect that the Fates may induce her to fill our pockets with the de-sirable, and so because us in Elvsion. "I am not your nurse-girl; but the words equality' 'above' and 'below' are only con irable, and so locate us in Elysium, with our mother to bless and enjoy it. Farewell ! (1 like that ventional terms, Nature's nobility-Nature's superiors are equals, though one is a prince Quaker adieu.") and the other a beggar." We might read Jane's letter to Jessie

was greeted with, "It takes thee a long time her table ; a letter, too, lies there from her this way! Now, Lucretia, (to her eldest truth in the Quaker church-as in all reli-

Every day greatly to Mrs. Carman's annoy- without my consent. I will leave the Qua- control simultaneously by his will-power. language? After having been a clerk in the your ideas. I beg pardon, but I think nature handmaidens to the modest, beautiful spring and the ance, Jane carefully looked over the Ledger, ker church in a few years. I'm not old enough He connects himself magnetically with each, treasury department for nearly four years, a never intended you for the North." "Thee is an impudent thing! Where should I have been born? Come, thee shall tell me before thee goes." "I can hardly tell, said Jane smiling, but I think thee would have made an excellent labor greatly exceeded the demand; yet, germ of truth in the Quaker church must be thought; and these are especially necessary law I can never get above my "graded," or, I think thee would have made an excellent to those who are far off and whom I cannot love ; Jane had hoped that the Ledger would some very small."

To these who are far of and whon I cannot love; but how pleasant to speak the names of those near and dear to me. I often find myself using plant in the low of the speak individual and hoped that the Ledger would some is a proper manner to bring about the direct, at the same time, their movements is a proper manner to bring about the direct results. This Monday morning as she looks it over is now her check flushes as she reads an ad-vertisement ! She lays down the paper, takes real times lately, I have seen dorse-back riding. Re-becea has a pony for her ow use. Last Thursday for a the house into the synd, a colores. The country a lady to attend and hanched me- not fine define a line exceeding with i finished by galloping as the house into the exception of looking all it is good salary paid to a suit it ealer and facing a little weaker, I am as well as usan. "" this Monday morning as she looks it over it and lance the same time is the same tis the same time is the same time is the same time is

nursery, Jane said :

nore this morning."

dently waiting for "B. A.," who has not yet

ing, was evidently a widow; a third was a

had seen it in her self-depreciating moments;

"Thee does! Why, what does thee want to there is an error right there at its very heart, ducting circles, where order and system is cannot prevent the promotion." Permit me go out for? I just believe if thee knew any- they believe they are impressed directly by successfully observed, hour after hour; when to ask you, Mr. Secretary, and Mr. Brod. body here, thee would be running all the the spirit of God at such times."

at eight o'clock; so I will be. Thee has on- we can accept the universal truth of s'illness even what may now be termed an ordinary Does it cost him any more to support himself ly just began thy day's work. Lucretia wants Quakers have been in the past, and are now oc character, through an entire evening. No and those dependent upon him, than it does

for the purpose of teaching; this cannot be solving to make renewed efforts for a suitable spoiled with yor. O, dear me! I wonder if of Quakerism; I like their disregard of forms the laws governing them. A school-boy just thee likes him all the better for that." then a rebuke to pomp and vanity, forms and and to some purpose. Thus with students good, thee folds up thy work as if thee was dominated in her, as it probably does in every divers other wash-day paraphernalia being in and "thine," scoop bonnets, broad brims and mind and the subtle elements of nature.

Women in Government Departments. clip from the Sunday Morning Chronicle of this city. I trust you may find room for it n your glorious journal. It should be read by every woman in the land. Look at it. the fore-ground. Henrietta was rubbing with plain colors, are now merely badges as the They begin like the school-boy, to practice third grade female clerk \$700, and third class However, let us return to Jane, whom we all her might at one tub, and Mrs Carman at small aprons and other insignia of the Free- upon simple lessons, and extend their practice male clerk \$1,800, fourth class male \$1,500;

as they are able, to the important experi- and fifth class male stands on par with a first

and allowed to speak. How beautifully quiet mand the attention of audiences for hours, same amount and the same kind in the same at such times, suggestions arise! I think displaying the head-work of minds above time, and who can discover the sex of the "Martha, I want to go out for an hour or such times are the spirit's seasons of growth." the common level. None but practical phi- same after it shall have passed from our "The idea of stillness may be correct, but losophers are competent to the task of con-What an unkind libel! "And favoritism

body here, thee would be running all the time. Thee is particular, folding up thy work at eight o'clock; so I will be. Thee has on-we can accept the universal truth of stillness." a medium is held to the work of producing physical phenomena of an extraordinary, or while you pay me \$960? Is this favoritism?

her dress, and I want my cap; Yearly meet-ing tou object to my got z, then 2" casionally, remarkably impressed as to the con-their books abound with wonderfinituala How such a task; though many do produce physi-their books abound with wonderfinituala How such a task; though many do produce physi-their books abound with wonderfinituala How such a task; though many do produce physi-their books abound with wonderfinituala How such a task; though many do produce physi-their books abound with wonderfinituala How such a task; though many do produce physi-their books abound with wonderfinituala How such a task is though many do produce physimore for bread and meat in the market than ing the mental condition of strangers; of feel- are termed ordinary attainments, are extra- mother, daughter or sister, than when obtaining moved to go to certain places, not knowing ordinary, or astonishing, as most minds in ed by some male provider? We do not ask for "favoritism." We do not want to be petted. We want simply justice. We ask no advantage. We ask for Equal Rights. Jane was soon dressed, and on her way to or it may be the result of natural laws which sider the propriety of my statements in re- Can we ever have them? We are not playgard to the practice of conductors of circles. things. We are not dolls. We are human "I'd like to know what is truth," said It may be questioned by some, that a spirit beings, responsible alike with males to the can educate himself to control several at the brain and muscle—to nourish and sustain same time, and while his mind is devising the which it requires just as much "bread and necessary variety of phenomena, and direct- butter" as it does the "lords of creation." ing in its production through the forces gene- All over the land my sisters are toiling with hand and heart, with brain and pen. for less rated in quality and quantity at the dictation than half the wages paid to males. It costs of his mind. It has been questioned that us no less in any particular-to live honest, the individual ever lived, who could dictate to respectable lives, than it does our brothers. several secretaries at the same time that he The Hon. Secretary, and the Hon. Comptrolhimself was engaged in writing. Neverthe- ler, and the Hon. Heads of Bureaus, say that the males cannot live on even their presless, individuals who could do this have lived ent salaries, now twice as large as ours. and do live with flesh, and, as it were, to fur-What, then, shall we do? Shall we starve? nish evidence of what the human mind can or beg? or-my fingers tremble as I write it -or God forbid! Will you, Mr. Secretary! liked thee just as well," at which remark stout, matronly lady, whose face looked as if are produced through the agency of physical ble for any in the flesh to fully comprehend and you, Members of Congress, be guilty of it might always be sunny. Jane looked at forces, and without the agency of such forces the methods in use by spirits, as, with their placing us in a situation where we shall even be tempted to do worse? I have no faith. William was about forty years of age, each of them; what were their respective con- no communication is possible between the physical surroundings they view things from however, that our rights will be obtained. moderately tall, muscular, dark complexioned, ditions? A young girl near the window the spirit world and the physical. Nevertheless, a standpoint where spiritual powers and re Politically speaking, we are of no conseher forgiveness, and if Jane pleases her she heavy eye-brows, dark hair, sprinkled with traces of whose face told of sickness and sad- to express the distinction between the meth- fined essence cannot be comprehended. What quence. The only reason we cannot he heard gray and a mouth expressive of firmness, he ness, and another bright as the month of May, ods of manifestation, these have been termed seems impossible to one weighed down by the is, we have no vote. Had we this, we would soon protect ourselves. The recreant ones in power we would remove, and place others It was Jane's custom to prepare the veget- at the floor more than at the person whom he brow shone with intellect and goodness, made jects disconnected with the medium or medi-

Jane never thought of calling on any of her father's friends in Philadelphia ; never thought that they might assist her to some thing better. She only realized that they were poor, that they must labor, and that on themselves alone depended the success or fail ure of the future. Besides, she shrank from making known to any one the private affairs of her family ; she had never told Mrs. Carman of her brother, or her mother. Mrs. Carman only knew that her parents were respectable, that her father was dead and that her family were in reduced circumstances. She had tried to learn from Jane all the particulars of their family, their English home and the cause of her poverty; but Jane carefully retained them in her own breast; they were too sacred to be laid open to Martha Carman, or indeed to any one except those very near and dear to her. Since their arri val in the United States, Rachel Clarkson was the only person with whom Jane had free ly conversed of the past. Perhaps they might have been kept from calling on their father's friends by the feeling that their determination to keep Oscar in College might

be disapproved. If such was the case, howher demonstrations. ever, it was never realized in that distinct form. It rather seemed natural for them to ables for dinner on washing days, to expeshrink from publicity, and especially to sedite Henrietta's operations. Last wash-day clude themselves from those who had known when Jane was thus engaged in the kitchen, their father in better days. Lack of confi-Mrs. Carman burst in exclaiming-"why in dence in human nature must have produced this world does thee not hurry ! thee has been , the same result, but this had no part in shaplong enough to peel a bushel of potatoes if ing their course. When Oscar was through thee had hurried; I just think thee is a selcollege-when bright days should come, they fish, lazy piece; thee walks round as if thee intended to call on those friends; until that could not bend thy back ; I'll just tell thee

time, it seemed a matter of course that they thy character ; "thee is selfish and proud." should be alone. "Estimates of character prove nothing,

was Jane's reply, "otherwise my estimate of It is Sunday; all are in Quaker meeting thy character would prove a good deal." but Mrs. Carman, the two young children and "It would ! why, what is thy estimate of our friend Jane. Mrs. Carman is sewing in the my character ?" she asked several times as if nursery (Quakers sew on Sunday of course, determined to have it. So Jane, thinking if they choose ;) Jane is in the old place that a small dose of truth might operate benein the third story, writing ; poor and mean as ficially, replied slowly and in her usual pleas-

it is she finds there more privacy and comfort ant manner :-than she could obtain below, just now she is "That selfish, contracted souls, color and writing in her Diary, in which she has man- qualify by those characteristics, all that is in bed to keep warm, pen in one hand and makes all viewed through it seem red." candle-stick in the other.

Jane has carried her resolution into effect ; every evening when the clock strikes eight, "hurried" out of the kitchen. she folds up her work and retires to her was very indignant. "What does this mean ?" which seemed to please Mrs. Carman, as it soon as William and Hannah Tillman had she asked; "why is thee folding up thy shaped itself into orthodox style. Mrs. Car- left; "our yearly meeting brings lots of comwork ?"

Mrs. Carman did not seem to hear this ; h. nind was evidently dwelling on the word 'slave-driver' for she replied :--

"Thee does ! I'll tell Isaac." he is met by Isaac and Martha Carman. On the next morning when Jane was sew There, get along with thee," said Mrs. Carnau, smiling; "Isaac wants to introduce thee leave me, so go ahead !" ng, Isaac Carman came into the nursery say ng, "good morning, Jane; I wish thee has low voice. "I want to introduce thee to een at our Abolition meeting last night Lucretia Mott and several others were there. Before Jane had time to reply, Mrs. Carnan stepped to the little stand, rested her hand on it, and, looking into Isaae's face said, "What does thee think Jane, says?" Hannah Tillman; they are both friends and advertiser, and was directed to walk up stairs "What does she say ?" asked Isaac, smil-

ery dear friends of mine (here he smiled ;) the third door to the right. Her heart pal-I am sure that they would like thee and that pitates-what will be the result! She opens "Why, she told me last night that I ought hee must like them ; I have often spoken of the door, and lo, there are seven females evio be a slave-driver !"

Then followed a long silence which to Jane thee to Hannah." Isaac was right they were mutually attach- arrived. One was a tall, delicate, pale girl, was rather embarrassing. Isaac, as was his ed at once. Hannah often said afterwards to with a face as sad as night; another a lady custom, sat down and shaved himself, but no remarks were made as to Jane's discovery of Jane, "O, how I wanted to take thee in my about 30 years of age, dressed in deep mourn-Mrs. Carman's appropriate sphere of action. arms and kiss thee ! I believe, too, William Do not let us, however, form too low an esteem of Mrs. Carman; she has many good William laughed quietly.

traits of character. Does she insult Jane ? she never rests satisfied until she has asked is as lavish in praise as when displeased in

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palsy, or it might have been nervousness; ulties large, his perceptive larger; his voice my children; never ! never !" earnest and kind ; his style exact, critical,

Mother is about as usual, but thee knows she nev

urry !" The family have returned from

neeting. As Jane gains the stair-landing.

o somebody." Isaac bending forward said in

ome friends-Charles Uplaw, who like thy-

JESSIE.

"Yes. I do."

fearless: Hannah, who was probably about thirty "I should not be selected did I remain ; there

became warm friends at once.

however, there was a love of fun that at home and work !

occasionally burst out, sometimes boisterously. alone, only William and friend Martindale, was studying, as usual, after eight o'clock. ry up with these potatoes." she added as she comes," then, looking up at William, smiled ness excepted.

and added, "yes, and my dog Ponto, with "And thee left because thee would not en-In the afternoon they sat together sewing, whom I have a good romp sometimes." room. On the first evening Mrs. Carman Jane being busily at work on a Quaker cap "Now hurry Jane !" said Mrs. Carman as too good Jane, what is thee studying ?" "Algebra."

> "I'll tell thee how to obtain a school :man several times took off her spetacles, lock- pany; we shall have a host of people to din- There is to be an examination of teachers in

"Because I think from five in the morning ed at Jane, at the cap, then wiped her eyes ner every day next week. Thee'll have no the Sixth street school in two weeks; go and ments which necessarily come into exercise ledge of the principles involved, and were fuluntil eight at night long enough to work." and went on with her own sewing. When the time to play, I te'l thee, or to be introduced be examined; don't leave if a hundred are when media are controlled, it is also equally ly prepared to make their attempt to cause by a priest. In regard to church ordinance, "Thee does! why, thee is getting very par- cap was finished she tried it on, looked in the to company; we'll all be kept going just as there." Then she added, "I came to talk necessary in the use of the powers of the the world to understand them, a success. and government, I take the broadest ground, ticular; this is the very best time to sew; glass and pronounced it "just the thing." fast as we can next week. To-morrow thee with the about Quakerism; does thee ever mind. No one unskilled in the exercise of the children are in bed, and I shall sew until "Thee is smart at thy needle." she said to must make me a new cap, and thee must fin- intend to be a Quaker, Jane !" ten or eleven, and it would not hurt thee to Jane, her beautiful blue eyes dancing with ish Lucretia's dress, for she will have to at-"I think not."

do it too." delight at the cap Then she resumed her tend the meeting. We'll have to be up bright "Mrs. Carman," Jane replied firmly, lay- sewing and relapsed into silence. Thus they and early in the morning, I tell thee. So Isaac come a Quaker, thee has attended meeting This proposition, so evidently true to the tations that are to constitute the brightness, wedding, when the young man with his blushing aside the plain language, as she often did sat for about an hour, Jane thinking of how bas introduced thee to Charles Upland! I regularly since thee came." when indignant, "I must have leisure-some she was to escape from constant insult, how think thee had better make a match of it ; "Yes, for there is much in Quakerism" that ter than it is by the mass professing faith in mated. respite from toil; I want to improve myself she was to obtain anything better, and re- it would be a shame for two houses to be can appreciate. I respect the founder spiritual manifestations, and a knewledge of

deliverance from danger and want ; of perceiv- but the grane or oplinary occasions through "Then I will leave here in one week." "Go ahead ! go ahead ! hu ry along ! thee is an independent piece ; thee is not going to why, until there, etc., etc. I don't know the the flesh would view them. cause of this; it may be divine-from God- I pause here in my explanations, to con-

the place indicated in the advertisement. we don't yet understand."

Square after square was traversed while her self, does not eat animal food; he is not a thoughts were busy dreaming of the future. Lucretia.

Quaker but a very worthy man; I think thee wondering if for her a more propitious era "And I," said Jane, "will follow wherever sould like his acquaintance; but I want more were about to commence. The place found- truth leads, whether it be in or out of the specially to introduce thee to William and a Hotel-Jane enquired for "B. A.," the Quaker church."

(To be Continued.) For the Present Age Mediumship. BY MRS. MARIA M. KING.

NO. IV. Physical manifestations, are all manifes-

tations of spirit power through media-as all achieve of power over itself. It is not possispoke very slowly and deliberately, looking her countenance fair as a picture while her physical, which directly affect physical ob- garments of flesh, and powerless from ignoaddressed ; he seemed a little affected with Jane decide on a question which had arisen ums through whom they are produced. Men- forces and the subtler physical ones, is possi- done. in her own mind. "Compete with that sad, tal manifestations, or such as affect the brain, ble and practicable for the educated spirit. for when talking his head and hands were pale face! compete with that young girl, fresh and mind of a medium, invariably attend who deals with magnetic forces as men in the slightly tremulous, varying according to the as a posy ! why she is just such a one as I physical ; for it is an absolute necessity for flesh deal with gross matter. The powers of intensity of his feelings. His reasoning fac- would desire, were I a mother, to superintend the spirit controlling the manifestations to the human mind none in the flesh have ever keep his subject or medium under his physio- measured, and none in the spirit do measure

Then Jane thought of her own face as she logical power during their continuance. until they compass the Infinite. It is but a The art of controlling a medium for phys- small thing for a mind in the flesh to

ical manifations is one that must be studied psychologyze another, or even many, by years of age, looked pale and delicate; her is nothing prepossessing about me; were I in with the utmost care and precision, by spir- the power of eloquence as by a will to

hair was light, and combed plain, behind her "B. A's., place I should prefer any counte- its who would practice it. No ignoramus turn minds in a certain direction. A Church as a physical organization. I am ears, eyes blue, intellectual faculties well de- nance here to my own." Then she blushed, can practise it more than one in earth-life can preacher holds an audience at his will, if rather under the line than over on that subveloped and active; her voice pleasant and feeling that should she at that moment be the art of constructing the finest instruments his will is strong enough. A psychologer but I do not believe that any particular suggestive of goodness. There was about called to see "B. A." she would not only ap in use among men. Indeed, this art among holds his subjects at his will, and directs but I do not believe that any particular church on the face of the globe is ordained her a quiet intellectual clearness that was pear at a disadvantage, but look quite foolish; spirits corresponds with the finest arts among their thoughts, and acts by the skill he has by God. I do not believe that one church charming, and it won Jane's heart. They so she walked quietly out of the room, down men, inasmuch as it is practicing upon chem- developed in this art. A psychologer in the is any better than another, so far as ordinance the stairs, and rapidly retraced her steps to ical agents, and exercising with compounds spirit does the same ; and he has a great ad- is concerned. I do not believe that there is Under all this goodness and intellectuality, the old routine of hurry and work! -hurry which the practitioners themselves must pro portion with the same care the practical to understand fully the nature of his power be organized. I believe that churches stand "Did thee go to see about a school this chemist exercises when he combines and re- and to educate himself in its use as one in on the same ground that common schools and At parting, Hannah said to Jane, "Now morning ? said Lucretia Carman as she en combines for carrying on his experimenta- the flesh cannot. Experience in any possi. literary institutions do. They are found to aged to write a little every night as she sits seen through their medium, even as red glass thee must come and see us often. I am all tered the bed-room that night, where Jane tions and carrying out practical objects. The ble art qualifies the artist for its successful be useful and to promote man's growth, and atmosphere is the laboratory of the practical practice, at the same time that a thorough external forms, are matters of utter indiffer-"O, thee is an impudent thing ! Well hur- whom I will introduce thee to when thee Jane related the details, her own bashful- chemists who operate to produce physical knowledge of all principles involved in the ence. Baptism is baptism, whether it be afmanifestions, and it is the storehouse where art is indispensibly necessary to make of the fusion, or sprinkling, or immersion. The every necessary element for their use is found; artist a philosopher and scientist. Surface by a Pope is good enough; if it be administered by a ter into competition with the others! Thee is yet in this vast storehouse the elements are knowledge, a superficial basis for experiment- by a priest or minister, it is good enough; diffused like the salts in the ocean, and skill ation, was not what achieved success for the and if there is no one else to administer it, only can separate them and select the ap- minds that instituted the spiritual phenome- and you administer it yourself, it is just as propriate ones for use. If skill is requisite in the use of the ele-

ry to produce any appreciable manifestation, to the twinkling stars ; therefore their im- to us saying : "Thus saith the Lord,"

thinker, is one that should be understood bet-

For this "good time coming," we will ever watch and pray, hoping that the good Lord and THE REVOLUTION, will hasten the day. GERTRUDE.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 6th, '69.

Henry Ward Beecher.

HIS NOTIONS OF THE "CHURCH."

I have no overwhelming attachment to the so they are right. I believe that ordinance. na of the present century. The circle of good. The Lord's supper belongs to every nomena, had sounded the depths of know- and he has just as much right to administer it will-power can, for a length of time necessa-that have preceded it, like the dazzling sun rant in the Scriptures; and no man can come "But, Jane, my father thinks thee will be- control the elements or a medium to this end. portance as initiatory to the mental manifes- respect to them. Do you suppose that is the spiritual dispensation, cannot be overesti-mated. The wedding took place when they clasped each other and said : "Thine for life; mine for ife."

(To be Continued.)

THE PRESENT AGE.

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For the Present Age. A DREAM OF WOMAN.

BY CORA WILBURN. I had a dream of woman's high estate,

- Of what her regal soul enthroned could be, With holy Freedom's perfect joy elate,
- And reverent Love's exalted ministry A vestal crowned with lilies, robed in light,

Sceptered with Justice, Parity, and Right I saw her radiant with the blissful joy

Of consecration to all noble aim ; Freed from all taint of soul, all heart alloy, Scorning the gift of evanesent Fame. To lowliest Use, and loftiest reach of Good. Bringing her royal dower of Womanhood

I saw her, in the majesty of thought Bring aspirations, fervid with the glow Of Love Divine and Human ; wisdom fraught, To the great source from whom all blessings flow, And with triumphant spirit go from thence, Filled with the mandates of Omnipotence!

An humble, prayerful handmaid, love imbued-A crowned Queen, I saw her, 'mid the throng ; And in the world-aparted solitude, With soul of harmony, inspired of song; In response to the clamoring ills of lite With music hall to rest all care and strife.

I saw the malden, with the childlike brow, Safe-guarded from the serpent in disguise, With amulets of knowledge, that bestow Their sovereign spell upon the purely wise The things of Evil sped with headlong flight, From that illumined Innocence and Might.

I saw the wife, in festal robes of beauty, Love-garlanded with Joy, and Peace, and truth; A dear delight her every task of duty, Basking in sunshine of Eternal Youth. With toil made beautiful, I saw her stand, A Power and Grace, the glory of the land !

I saw the mother, blest with recognition Of her excelling grandeur, bloom anew For the rapt joy of her transcendent mission, And soul-allegiance to the Pure and True; Attuning heart and life to God-like strains, Such as resound where Love immortal reigns.

Such was my youth's bright dream ; and yet my Spirit Clings to the promise of that propecy; That Woman shall her regal dower inherit, Her vestal-crowned, Love sceptered ministry ; That from the Home-shrine's sacredness, her voice Shall bid the millions of the world rejoice !

She is Messiah-sent unto the Nations, God's delegate of Purity and Peace; Meet her no more with worldly, cold negations, Bid your vain clamors of oppression cease, For Dream is Prophecy; the century waits The opening wide of Freedom's heavenly gates. CANDEN, Maine, Dec. 7th. 1869.

The New Year.

With this issue, dated the first day of the year 1870, we send cordial greetings to our selves to 'walk by on the other side,' the less good we do as Spiritual Teachers.'' readers, all. While we write, the familiar faces of many with whom as a journalist, we have

True, all has not been joyful with us contributors, the following well known writhrough the past year, we have had dark ters :

tical, Poetical and Progressive minds, we are

hours, we have had conflicts of a spiritual na- ANNIE DENTON CRIDGE, MARIA M. KING, ture, too much relating to self to spread be- H. F. M. BROWN, LOIS WAISBROOKER, CORA fore the world, and affections too sacred for WILBURN, J. L. MCCREARY, HUDSON TUTTLE, the gaze of others than those directly inte- EMMA TUTTLE. rested. But a retrospection of the past, As occasional Contributers, we could name whether sombre or delightful, cannot be un- a score of the best speakers and writers profitable in the formation of our moral char- among the reformers of the age. It is evident

acter and in the development of our spiritual that from these Philosophical, Scientific, Praclife. We must remember the extent to which our

the religious world of thought.

vate and glorify man.

active participants in the movements that

prepared to answer the demands of every destiny is committed to our own keeping, and class of Spiritualists. Further, we think with the tone, and loftiness we can ourselves im- the variety of talent and diversified gifts here part to our moral nature. We must remem- indicated, we are now fully justified in promisber, too, our obligations to profit by the scenes ing to all, that THE PRESENT AGE shall be

and transpirations through which we have made the broadest, and most acceptable propassed. Our aim should be, to prepare for fugressive, and reformatory paper published; ture usefulness to our fellow man. Again, one, that shall be a welcome visitant in the a time like the present, is not only favorafamily of every liberalist during the year ble for individual examination, but it is also

1870. well to glance at the active, moving world The Editor's will each express their indiaround us, social, political, and religious. Never in the history of our Nation, perhaps Contributors. While we shall endeavor, as in we might embrace in the statement, the inthe past, to protect our columns from those habited world, has there been witnessed such who would advocate sentiments we believe to a general uncasiness manifested, and if we be pernicious in their tendency, and from judge correctly, such a general dissatisfaction those who would introduce personal animosiwith our social relations. During the next ties, we shall allow the widest possible range decade, we expect to witness as great a revofor freedom of discussion upon every subject, lution in our social world, and no less marked relating to the interests of humanity. in its effects upon society, than has been the We shall aim to make the PRESENT AGE a change in the political world during the last. And further, we think we can speak with no

an earnest advocate for WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE, less certainty, as to prospective changes in as the only means for her emancipation from the oppressions to which she is now subjected, The last decade has been more important in and the bright star of hope to which she may its developments and promises, in relation to look, for release from the degradations and the great interests of humanity, than that of consequent sufferings, now forced upon her any preceding age in the history of the world. by the man made laws, and prevailing sys-Who among us in 1860 could have even con-

cieved of the wonderful changes of the last voice, pro, or con. ten years. Indeed those of us who have been We have commenced the publication of a story of real life, entitled "Is it Possible," by

have marked the years to which we refer, can Annie Denton Cridge, which all will admit as hardly believe the evidences of our own senthey read, will become more deeply interestses, when we consider the marked and rapid ing as it progresses, particularly after the advance movements made, all tending to eleeighth chapter. Another of our best known writers, is now

In our own special field of labor, as Spiritengaged in writing a story for the PRESENT itual." ualists, we have the greatest encouragement AGE, to be entitled THE STORY OF TWO to enter upon the new year, renewedly conse-LIVES, which will be published during the crated to our work. And we would not be year. Our readers will not forget the promise understood in refering to our work, as limitwe have of THE GOLDEN KEY, by the author For the Present Age. ing it merely to the effort to convince manof A Search for the TEMPLE OF HAPPINESS. kind of an immortal life, and the communion The publication of this communication will of spirits, important as we regard them. We

probably be commenced within the next three find ourselves in a world demanding our months. efforts, in almost every direction to remove With all these inducements, and the desire the burdens that oppress humanity. Spirit among all our friends to spread broad-cast the teachings of our philosophy, we appeal to all ualism embraces the all of man's interest, or the present subscribers and readers of the it is worthless and will fail of its mission. We had just written the above sentence, PRESENT AGE, to renew their efforts to inwhen a private letter came to us from Mrs. E. crease our circulation. This is a favorable time to obtain subscribers, as we can furnish L. Watson, but from which we make the following extract, so appropos to our su bject : the back numbers commencing with the story by Mrs. Cridge. One lady sent us during the

"I dothink we as Spiritualists are too apt to separate our sympathy from among humanity, and are a little inclined to keep aloof from our fellows, on the ground of difference of faith ! A man is a man, no present week ten dollars, with the names of five friends to whom she sent the AGE, as a atter what he believes, and the more we permit our 'New Year's gift'' with a request to us to in-

form each person from whom the gift was sent. We shall be glad to comply with the same re-We take this opportunity, to render thanks quest if made by one hundred persons next to all who have so truly interested themselves

"Go and do Likewise."

The following brief letter from Brother Southard, speaks volumes of itself, as to our duty, in the doing of which, good is accomplished, in two important particulars. The

poor, unable to obtain it for themselves, are wish to be done by ;" but aid us in sustaining the paper and spreading it broadcast over the land. We have three dollars yet remaining in our hands to send the AGE six months to three families unable to procure it. Send us names, and state particulars, as we wish to keep a record. Will our friends in this and other States, please increase this fund. We prefer to have the persons donating, name the parties to whom they desire to send the Age. BRO. Fox :-- I have found a poor widow, in Pon-

tiac, whose name is -----, and she wishes the "Present Age" for six months. I send you one dollar to pay for her paper, and when I find another

vidual views upon all subjects, as will also the who is worthy, I will send her name and money. Yours truly, JOHN SOUTHARD. Pontiac, Dec. 16, 1869.

"Thanks for the flower, whose sacred power Thrilled all my being o'er, And made this life of pain and strife Seem beautiful once more.'

"Man's Ideal Woman."

If any of our readers failed to carefully correct exponent of the Spiritual Philosophy; peruse the article with above title on first page of last week's issue, we now specially of life, health and happiness as recognized the small clique, once headed by Governor Wells, through nature, instead of false educations. to say the least, as one of the most thoughtful productions we have published, on what is being popularly called "the woman question." One of the arguments brought by opponents, to the enlargement of woman's sphere inteltems of society, in which she has no effective lectually, and politically, is, that woman will

lose the respect and deference now paid to her by man. In the article to which we refer, will be found the following beautiful sentiment, the truth of which will appeal to every man's consciousness :

"Man's attraction to woman is the strongest ele ment of his being ; and in proportion as she enlarges her sphere in the direction of intellect and wisdom, does that attraction become pure, elevated and spir-

The article is resplendent with gems thought and beauty.

GONE. BY MRS. RENA L. MINER. To the memory of our noble sister Mrs. Alcinda Wilhel Like the fading of the sunset-

Like the summer's golden glory-Like the ripened fruit of antumn-Like the close of some grand story Sped her quickened, sainted being, From our outward sense and seeing, From our mortal vision fleeing Like a thing of light

Like the rythm of some sweet poem-Like the music of a song-Like a radiant dream of beauty-1 Like the sunlight clear and strong-Come she, in the world's sore needing-Truth to error superceding By her soul's pure inward reading Of the right.

Like the flowers that pale and languish-Like an early faded dream-Like the stars that come, then vanish-Like the morning's rosy beam-

ile our hearts have need and yearning,

For the truths her soul is learning, She will come.

element, which giving doth not impoverish,

neither withholding enrich.

Having just listened to God's truth as written by inspiration through the agency of a gentleman in this city, (whose name I am not at liberty to mention,) given in 1864, supplied with the PRESENT AGE, and by doing without even knowing until of late that it the readers of your very welcome sheet, expects of justice will tend to make men knaves and women her lectures in this place a few months ago, he heard the same ideas advanced, which had

> time to himself and for which he was for years called insane, finding a perfect corresence is a revelation from God to man."

opened up a new life in my own soul, teach- tation. The patronage to the members that the pass- and to ultimate in the progressive destiny of all huing me how dependent we are upon each age of this bill will make is enormous, and conse manity. other in these material bodies. Dependent quently the way and by whom the census shall be From the N. Y. Independent. because the angels require proper conditions taken, has been exceedingly pertinent in its distion of the broken links, or we are altogether ence.

are being brought from darkness unto light,

Spiritual philosophy. The last Sunday in December, closes my

will be my successor to bring glad tidings, until the people are again refreshed by the inspiration through Nettie Pease, as she is expected to spend several months in this her with joy. In view of all, I bless my Heavenly Father for life's experiences, and my spirit looks up and is glad. I select the beautiful poem which follows for the readers Mississippi and Texas a qualification for their ad- ample. of the AGE. S. A. HORTON.

I WOULD NOT BE FOTGOTTEN.

would not be forgotten of my fondly cherished friends, But be blended in their mem'ry, as rainbow colors blend; Not like the rainbow, fleeting, that one moment spans the Where beauty links with tenderness, then fade, and then depart. Oh, no; in days bright visions, and sometimes in your I would come, and make, if possible-like sunlight on the streams-Your eyes to sparkle brighter than if I had not come; Dear friends, give me a memory. a lasting live-long hor Say, shall I be forgotten ?--the bird with fettered wing, Who can but heav'nward lift her eye and long to soar sing, Who beats against life's prison-bars, 'till well her anguish od of earth a lesson fraught deep with the heart's I would not claim your every thought, or yet would self-But this I crave-and fain would know that you'll remember me-Pray for me oft, that I may dwell in nearness to our God, And bow submissive to his will, while passing 'neath the

I would not be forgotten when I shall lay me down In calm and holy stillness to slumber in the ground; When my spirit-wing, unfettered, shall find its way in love, 'Mong the bright and beauteeus angels, in a sinless hom y be, I'll come to you, should friends and hope seem flown. And lisp the fond and cheering truth, "Thou art not all and establishes a principle, that Congressmen repre-Will case a'ca in any power worn brows in Heaven's own And lave your fever'd, care worn brows in Heaven's own blissful streams. ting farming comp their constituency. The State of California has an

Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19th, 1869. DECEMBER 17th.-Again I resume my pen. Congress-Virginia and Georgia-Fifteenth Amend- that includes and defends the rights of all humanity. ment-Senator Brownlow-Eight Hour law-Frank- For want of this the nation has been baptized in

ing Privilege-Finance-Philosophical Lyseum. was Spiritualism. Ignoring the name as he you a report of the acts and deeds of public interest prostitutes. understood it, but when our precious sister done in this National centre, and as your corres- When you educate your mothers for their responsi-

loomed up in his own soul, and listening to St. Louisans to the contrary, and that both Houses the Departments of the government, in whatever lectures since given, has re-read his own of Congress are in full blast, but will blow out on place she is competent to fill, and pay her for equal writings, which were so marvelous at the Tuesday next for a recess over holidays. Never services what is paid to men. Spiritualism marks pondence, he now has the mystery solved. done so early in the Session by our Representatives It proposes to eradicate the evils of humanity. It "Hence, agreeing "that all truth's a mys- as now. The Census bill as reported by the commin- proposes to appropriate the good of all systems, and tery which all do not comprehend. All sci- tee, which has received eight days scrutinizing by leave the evil to its own destruction-to conduct all

cussions. The bill as amended, it will be interesting to bless us with life, light and love; yet if to some of your readers to know, will allow the emthe magnetic chain be broken through phys- ployment of women as well as men in taking the ical derangements, there must be a restora- census. Soldiers' widows should receive the prefer- marry. The most frequent of these is, that

The admission of Virgina still hangs fire. Alpowerless. Consider this, ye fearful ones, though perhaps nine-tenths of the people in her and let us all grow wise, study the laws State are anxious and praying for her admission, A good work is going on in Niles. Many their might, and through their influence and the

precedency of Georgia reconstruction, it is thought and from the effects of sin into a harmonious allowed to celebrate her final restoration to full fel- that this outlay in dress is to please the genrecognition of truth, as seen through the lowship with her sister States in Uncle Sam's domin- tlemen? Is not the girl who makes a fine

exciting on Friday and continued until 1.30 yester- all for dress, and men who in their admiration engagement here, when I go to East Saginaw day morning, when the bill was passed with the of ladies look at something beyond this. But, for an indefinite time. Mrs. Emma Martin amendment of Senator Williams, simply a modifica- after all, is it not the most common remark-

quisite number of States, twenty-eight, will ratify For myself, I dress rather plainly. Per-

mission into the Union, one can only surmise. Senator Brownlow the "Old Parson" and late have read what he called an explanation relative to the affairs in Tennessee, but was in reality a paper to vindicate himself in the part he took in the last election in his State in favor of Senter, and to as-Times for their personalities reflective upon him in opposing Stokes for Governor. In reference to the bill of Senator Morrill of Vt. to amend the eight hour law, of which I anticipated

one week ago would be favorable to the eight hour movement, has turned out by a lengthy and able peech from him to be quite the reverse. Mr. Morrill, as is well known, represents an agricultural State, whose interests are against any movement that may eventuate a reduction of a day's work in that may eventuate a reduction of a day's work in the making of crops. But Senator Wilson, who strongly favors the Government establishing eight house a local day's work an elegant costume Miss — wears." I do not say to

eight hour law which requires all public work to be

know that their Representatives are aroused to the

necessities of their constituents. The bills of Messrs.

Corbett in the Senate, and Ingersoll in the House in-

dicates business. While Mr. Corbett's bill author-

izes the issuing of coupons and registered bonds to

the people of their present financial embarrassment

The Philosophical Lyceum here is well attended.

and the discussion of spiritual philosophy is elici

ting considerable interest. This Lyceum is kept up

mostly by Spiritualists, the greater portion of whom

The following discourse was delivered by Miss

best methods of attaining this end. It is easier to

determine the means of individual culture, than that

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but secure them against danger in the future.

sided party affair, shutting out a man from his inalienable right because he is black, nor a woman be cause she is not a man. We proclaim a democracy blood. We must learn that Government means something more than scientific and commercial pro-MR. EDITOR :--- I am aware that the eyes of the priety for the benefit of a few, at the expense of

whole Nation are centered upon us here, and that justice and right, to the many a withholding of

and co-laborer, Nettie M. Pease, commenced pondent, I am expected to do my share. Well, with- bilities in social and governmental affairs, you will out a long preliminary, dwelling upon my short- so far have done your duty. We are not asking that comings etc., I will say that the Capital remains you should put woman in man's place, but in her here still, notwithstanding the pressure of a few own, to give her, her rights in schools, in colleges, in since I knew anything about Washington and our the development of the mental and spiritual nature National Legislature have I known so much activity of man. It embraces in its scope his universal --- real work of such importance to the Nation being welfare. Its operation is both external and internal the House, with amendments heaped upon amend- its measures to human advancement --- to correct ments, has elicited great interest from our western the appetites and passions of men, to recognize The experience of the last few weeks have members favoring an immediate increased represen- every human soul as a brother, created in wisdom LIFE.

Who is to Blame?

A great'deal is said and written now-a-days of the reasons why young men are afraid to the girls of this generation are too extrava-

gant Now I am a girl ; and from my standpoint see some things which older and perhaps wis-er heads have failed to notice. Dear brothers and friends. let me tell you how it seems to me

That we are extravagant I admit. But quite probable that holidays will pass before she is who makes us so ? Did it never occur to you show most sought after? Of course, there The discussion in the Georgia case became very are exceptions-girls who do not care most of

No one here doubts for a moment but that the re- to be the escort of such attractive ones.

place as per engagement. All will welcome the Fifteenth Amendment, making it a part of the haps I could better afford to put on this style Constitution of the United States. But how the than many who assume it. But my taste does case might have been had not Senator Morton last not so lead me ; and then, too, knowing the spring insisted on Congress, making the adoption of sins which love of dress will drive woment to, the Fifteenth Amendment by the State of Virginia, I try in an humble way to set a better ex-

Besides, I want my gentlemen friends to feel that one girl, and if they will but see it, Gov. of Tennessee, took occasion Wednesday to hundreds besides, do not care for dress for themselves. Ambitious parents desire it, and short-sighted young men admire it ; and so often they appear frivolous, while really their thought is far beyond. And let me tell sault the Chronicle of this city and the New York you how I am tried sometimes. To save the expense of a carriage for the opera, I don my lace bonnet and walking suit. Now, my friend sits beside me, and should be thinking,

"This is a sensible girl. She comes to hear the music. I can afford to bring her several times for what a carriage would cost once, for these butterfly women.

Ah, no, he does not look so far as that ; but, whether he means the comparison or not. calls my attention to the most gaily attired hours as a legal day's work, represents an entirely him what I am now telling you; but I feel different constituency. While the eight hour bill it all, and am almost resolved the next time does not interfere with individuals and corporations he invites me-if he does again-to go to all on private work, it effects individuals and corpora- this extravagance.

become personally acquainted, in this and privileged to meet in years gone by, and to enjoy with them the festivities of New Year's day, come up in the beautiful halls of memory. and

- "Still o'er those scenes our memory wakes, 5 And fondly broods with miser care; Time but the impression deeper makes
- As streams their channels deeper wear.

These pleasant memories are not, however, unmingled with feelings of sadness, when we recall to mind the familiar faces of dear ones who have passed on to a higher life, and although we are at times, conscious of their gentle spirit presence, and believe they are doing more for us than they possibly could in the more external world, we can but feel sad when

we remember that "Condemned whole years in absence to dealore

And image charms we must behold no more.

dear ones increase there, and decrease here.

There are some recollections, however, far We rely upon them in all confidence. more painful than the separations caused by the Death Angel. We allude to estrange- our readers will bear us witness, made great ments between those whom in former years promises for the future. Not feeling fully we joyously met as friends on such occasions, confident as to our ability to meet the debut by misapprehensions, misrepresentations mands of the spiritualistic public, and enterand sometimes perhaps real wrongs, alienations ing upon the duties to which we were assignmost heart-rending have followed. But even ed without previous experience, we could only these remembrances have not all of sorrow .-- | say : "We promise to the extent of our abili-We cherish the thought, that in the by and ty to make the PRESENT AGE a welcome guest by, when we can see more clearly our relations in every family." We have now the satisto each other, exercise a deeper and truer faction of knowing that our efforts have been charity, and more forbearance, wrongs will be successful, and that our paper is greeted righted and we shall be seen and known as we with pleasure by all to whom it has gained are. Even friends thus alienated, cannot be access. If it would not occupy too much of forgotten, and there are few who have not the room which belongs to our readers, we besides the cherished memories, some token to would here insert some of the expressions remind them of the friendships of other years, coming up to us from people living in thirty

Whose souls have felt this one idolatry, Can tell how precious is the slightest thing Affection gives and hallows! A dead flower Will long be kept, remembrancer of looks That made each leaf a treasure."

of the New Year, is a favorable time for the most searching review of our lives. Let us lay aside all hatreds and jealousies, if such we have cherished, rise in the dignity of our higher, nobler, better nature, and enter upon the New Year, "with malice toward none, with charity toward all." We shall indeed enjoy a Happy New Year, if we can adopt as our Joanna Bailie,

One of you all that ever from my presence I have with saddened heart unkindly sent, I here, in meek repentence, of him crave A brother's hand in token of forgivness."

We have passed the line of the old year.

The morning of this new and hopeful period spreads its beautiful bow of promise, to the PEASE, Associate Editors. cheerful gaze of the most of earth's children, and many kind and joyful greetings, many warm salutations from full and free hearts. and confiding spirits, are this day interchanged; and in true sincerity we should

"Banish all compliments, but single truth, From every tongue, and every shepherd's heart, Let thine use still persuading, but no art."

other States, come up before us. Again. during the pass year during the past year in the circulation of the write to the readers of the PRESENT AGE, by wishing you all, A HAPPY NEW YEAR. "There is a gentle element, and man May breathe it with a clear unruffled sonl And drink its living waters, till his heart

Is pure, and this is human happines.

The Present Age for 1870. We are glad to announce to all who have taken a deep interest in the prosperity of this Journal, that we enter upon the new year with bright prospects of increasing usefulness. We have from the commencement of this enterprise been promised by friends on both sides of the "silent river," that it should be a success. Friends here have aided us

nobly. It would be gratifying to us to until we pass on to the Summer Land, to name them, but they say no. Our good spirwhich we feel more and more attracted as our it friends have exceeded their promises for the past, and promise much in the future.

We have in the past promised little, for

On our part we have never heretofore, as

States. All unite in according to the PRES-"Oh! only those ENT AGE words of commendation and promises of help in the increase of its circulation. the reasons given ; but we feel that justice The going out of the old, and the incoming

to the able and devoted men, and women, whom we have secured as our associate Editors. and Contributors, demands that we should name them, which, of itself will be a sufficient guarantee to our readers that during the coming year they may anticipate a rich treat, with the arrival of each number of the PRESENT AGE. We are making an effort to own the beautifully expressed sentiment of secure a competent editor for a New England Department, but are not yet fully prepared to announce the name. Our circulation is "If there be

increasing in the Eastern States, and we feel quite anxious to supply them with such a De-

and entered upon the portals of the incom- try, who will no doubt become regular coning, with high hopes for the world of humani- tributors to our columns, but we are not ty, as well as our own pleasure and happiness. prepared to publish, except as follows : PROF. E. WHIPPLE, MISS NETTIE M.

MRS. E. L. WATSON, MRS. S. A. HORTON,

LIS, Editors New-York Dep't.

We have secured among others, as regular to our charge. E. WHIPPLE. bestow upon each other more of that divine cago.

Will canvassers and all our friends week. oring to make the AGE a success, while we Lima Ind., Dec. 10th. supply all with such a paper as we promise for the low price of two dollars per year, and at from our Corresponding Editors. the same rate for three months. We confidently expect an increase of five hundred new subscribers per month, during the next

year. Salutatory.

mutually profitable to both contributor and friends absent, and I unavoidably exclaim, of a small parcel of land, say five or ten that but little illegitimate matter now under frank reader. Our labors both as writer and speaker "all alone!" Immediately I hear a sweet acres, in the neighborhood of this home. have been mostly confined to the West, and voice, (which was long ago silent in death.) we think we understand the mental and spir- coming from our first-born, saying : "Mother,

Circumstances independent of our seeking, | Heaven, and I watch o'er thee, darling mother, now introduce us to a more extended acquaint- from my spirit home, and though separated ance and practical work. As Associate Editor from all others of the house-hold band, I am of the PRESENT AGE, we shall enter upon the ever with thee, to cheer and to bless. Sweet labors of the ensuing year with a zeal propor- music to my mother ear." I listen, thank tionate to our interest in the holy cause to God, and am happy.

which this paper stands perpetually pledged. I have been quite sick the last two weeks, Our aim is constructive, and we shall urge which I regretted, as I had so much work to upon your thoughtful consideration those eter- de. A temperance lecture to give, a wednal principals which we conceive to underlie ding to attend officially, Sunday lectures, our social and spiritual progress. The suffrage State Convention, and then there are so of woman, equal wages for equal intelligence many starving souls in this city, who eagerly and skill, without regard to sex or color, ex- devour every crumb that falls from the great tension of the privileges of education to pro- Master's table, in the form of tests, or comscribed classes, are questions we think insepa- munications from the loved gone to spirit-life, bly connected with the spread of spiritualism, that there was no time to spare. All of these and shall urge their importance through these were denied me. I wondered why it must be columns. With Infidels and Atheists on the thus. A voice replied : "Another Teacher one hand, and radical Universalists and Uni- teaching thee." I listened and have learned board at cost, upon the restaurant principle- severe on Orthodoxy. tarians on the other - with all in fact who the import of this lesson. urge the supremacy of human nature over the

All through the convention I could scarcely authority of ancient tradition, we feel to fratell whether I was in Niles or Battle Creek, ternize, and extend the right hand of fellowbut think the time about equally divided beship, recognizing them as separate wings of tween the two places. Friends so kind here, that grand army of thinkers who accept the administering to my necessities with earnest same great central truth, and who labor to desire for my speedy recovery, and when the accomplish the same benificent ends. The convention was over, I was not forgotten .-value of human nature and dependence of its Several true, noble souls came direct to see progress on human endeavor, and the central thought and inspiring aim of this Western me, bearing the God-bless you's from those World. We shall labor earnestly with our who could not or did not come. It has

cotemporaries to advance these truths to pub- nearly restored me to my usual health, relic recognition, as a preliminay to the adoption minding me that we cannot live by " bread ty who shall occupy this unitary home, should

partment. We are also in correspondence shackled by the tyrannics of the Old World, Slade has exchanged the Cross for the Crown, the tides of life over our land-a land un-Since I last wrote you, our beloved sister a land where new problems are entertained and when I think how much I loved her, how and startling experiments are being tried. We much we needed her in advancing the truth shall not halt by the way, but join in the of which she was a worthy advocate, I ask march with the advancing millions to a grander what encomium? what eulogy? None so apdestiny and a brighter day. propriate-none so full of meaning as this.

of the New Religion which is sweeping like alone."

During the winter months our labors in an- She was a true, noble woman; to which all pation, age, whether married or single, if cending a mountain height, we descend the intervenother field are so pressing and constant, that who knew her reply, even so. Dear, loving head of a family, the number of the family ing valleys that lie between us and the desired emi-A. B. ERENCH, DR. F. L. WADSWORTH, we shall not be able to write with the regular- and loved spirit, leave us not, while we are -the amount of available means they have progress equally, so is it with the experience of life. ity we could wish, but with the return of left to wend these weary shores, but give us to invest-what locality for settlement each our deeds even in the vale of sorrows, equally with

DR. F. L. H. WILLIS, MRS. LOVE M. WIL- spring we expect to resume the pen, and de- more light and love from thine angel home prefers, and whatever else may be deemed of the mount of joy is characteristic of progress. vote ourself with head and heart to the work than earth would allow to shine on thee, and interest. J. S. LOVELAND, Ed., Philosophical Dep't. which mortals and immortals have committed teach poor humanity a profitable lesson to My address is No. 536 Carroll-Street, Chi-

For the Present Age. To the Public.

NILES, Dec. 15th. 1869. For years the conviction has been growing DEAR READERS OF THE AGE :- 'Tis evedeeper and deeper in my mind, that great ning. The family clock has just said nine. improvement upon our present modes of living

Readers of the PRESENT AGE: with the and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. I. Hull, reading operation is required. What I have desired tenths of whom cannot distinguish wheat from rye, advent of the year 1870, we send you greet- THE PRESENT AGE and LYCEUM BANNER. for myself, is an individual ownership in a should control the farmer in his legitimate pursuits. for them a poor market. ing. During the year just closed, we have A cheerful fire is inviting me to a seat by its suit of rooms sufficient for myself and family, ommuned with you almost weekly, as Corres- side, and I sit down to golden memories and (which consists of myself and wife) in a palponding Editor, and in original articles, silent meditations. As I wander in my atial residence of sufficient size, for the equal a Congressmen, a Law Maker, to violate a law, and his last look I think I saw a resolve to bury through this journal, which has so rapidly thoughts, and commence my inquiries, my accommodation of all who will unite with me make a mere machine of himself, and occupy his the love which he dared not speak. A few gained public favor wherever known. This evening prayer goes out for those I love .- in such a common home, for a common ob- time by duplicating his name on envelopes to save a hints thrown out convinced me that he felt relation has been to us pleasant, and we trust Husband and children far away, cherished ject. I want also an individual ownership

Besides these, I want a joint ownership in itual needs of its people quite as well as we do not all alone! Thy beautiful bud so young, kitchen, dining-hall, laundry, library, readonly a few weeks on earth, has op'ed in ing-room, assembly-room, public park.

> I desire that all the inmates of this unitary home should be persons whose well settled aim is to make integral, practical Education, the main object of their effort, and who debt, it proposes to continue to foster the bond holdwill hold money-making and all things else subservient to human development-persons who will perpetually strive to make the best possible men and women of themselves.

To prosecute the end in view, I desire to become one of an incorporated company, with articles of association and bye-laws well adapted to secure to every member equal justice, and to the community power to hold each in his or her place as members of an organization for the purposes above stated. I desire that this corporation should make are adepts in the Bible, and their discourses are such provision that any of its members may certainly fluent and models of composition, but very may have separate tables, and a selection of table companions, and that the house and the

business of providing board for its inmates may be placed in the charge of a competent higher positions, it is reasonable to enquire as to the steward, employed by the directors, or other authorized officers of the corporation. I am, and for some time past, have been

ready to take stock in any company who will unite for such a purpose. I am ready and anxious to furnish my share of the means needful for what I desire.

It is especially demanded that the communibe most earnestly devoted to the idea of ma-

king education-the education of the whole man physically, intellectually, morally and socially a constant object of life-long pursuit. For the purpose of promoting the objects

herein hinted at, I especially request any the basic law of progress, remains the rule and persons who wish to co-operate with me, to forms the foundation of an onward destiny. There send me their names, place of residence, occu- is no such thing as absolute retrogression, as in as-

failure, because we have not recognized the rights of a majority of our common humanity-the black IRA PORTER. | man and the whitewoman. Democracy is not a one"

Our democratic government has been a partial

tions on Government work, which sets a precedence But so much show nities fear will not please

be one to frighten my Book Dave est and best of earthly relations, the married life

lone at eight hours a day, and fixed eight hours as One thing more. We often hear young the legal day on private work, but it provides, that men say, "All a girl wants is money; if a "it shall not extend to Agricultural, Vineculture or man has not that, he may pass on." Horticultural labor, or to the services of household true of some girls ; but is not the reverse as or domestic servants." With these exceptions in often true? These showy girls, whose pathe law of each State, there can be very little ob- rents spend their all to marry them off, are jection if it is not carried too far. There is a seed taken ; while the true parents, who wish their I retire to my room, leaving my good host is possible. To effect this improvement co- time and harvest, and no league or associations, nine- daughters to be chosen for their real worth, and so conceal the possession of wealth, find

But since the law has been modified, and its abuse I feel this subject keenly myself, for I have made so public through the press it has required lost a valued friend. "Died?" No; that friend a few stamps. Congressmen don't do that his business success would not warrant the luxury of a wife. And so he will go on in the loneliness of hotel life, while his beart goes out of Washington through the U.S. Mail. yearns for the comforts and joys of home. The bills on finance are getting numerous and the

Oh ! if I could have told him that he is end is not yet. It is pleasing for the country to more to me than gold ; and that with his love I should be happy without much that a generous father now lavishes upon me. But no: he is proud. His wife must not work. She must be a lady, dress, and be gay ; and until he can afford this he will steel his heart the extent of one thousand millions of dollars with against love.

the most praise-worthy view of funding our National Oh, friends, brothers, will you not think of this? Do not expect to commence life as our fathers leave off. Only choose a wife with ing aristocracy by providing that those bonds and tastes congenial with your own; a happy the income therefrom shall be free from taxation. It is said that three-fourths of Congress are peculiarispirit; prudent for the things of this life and yet with aspirations beyond. Be willing ly interested in exempting bonds from taxation, and that any bill foreshadowing an abolition of this law to give up your own extravagances; and be proud of her not for "the outward adorning will be defeated, but such I trust is not the case, and that it is the disposition of Congress to decide upon of putting on of apparel, but for the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." Be not some plan and quickly too, that will not only relieve ashamed to be called poor. Care not for the world's opinion, but only for her whom your heart loves. And so the blessing of wife and children shall be yours; and in the holy atmosphere of home your own character shall expand into all that is good and pure and

FALLING OFF .- There is no church in Ireland, Catholic or Protestant, that numbers as many members to-day as it did fifteen years Johnson, in Hamlin Hall, Washington Dec., 24th ago This is owing to the tide of emigration which has, in that time, reduced the popula-The Philosophy of Growth .-- As all are aspiring to tion 18 per cent.

VOICES FROM THE PEOPLE.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 21, 1869.

of collective humanity. General education and growth lies in the development of all man's inherent Col. Fox, Dear Sir :- I have long desired to tell qualities. The best testimony of civilization to-day. you how much I value the PRESENT AGE, but my is found in the harmonious action of our progressiv time being very much occupied, I have not been able nature. The world's saviours have never been of to write you. It is read with great interest and much the popular class. Their truths have met with profit by all our family circle, and all with whom I obloguy, reproach and persecution because they have am brought in contact. I then give or send them to essayed to inform the understanding, and raise ome person that is not too narrow-minded to invesman's moral nature above his animal and selfish tigate, requesting them to read and then give to some propensities, and implant in their stead the princiof their friends. In this way I hope my humble efoles of intellectual, moral and physical growth. forts may be productive of some good. Many persons Our system of moral, physical and religious train will read liberal newspapers that could not be inducing has too often been subversive of human aded to attend a lecture or a circle. The universal vancement for the time, and in many things pertainresponse has been "I want more."

The letters from that noble missionary, Mrs. H. ing to progress in essential good. Yet, in spite of all F. M. Brown, are truly food for the hungry soul. I the backening influences of misdirected teaching would like to ask if she remembers a box of grapes sent to a sick painter. We can all be missionaries. Let us not shrink from our duty, and in performing it, we shall find much happiness.

> Yours, etc., A. O. F.

LAKEPORT, Dec. 19, 1869. D. M. Fox, Dear Sir .- Enclosed you will find two

dollars, to pay for the PRESENT AGE. Receive my most heartfelt thanks for your paper ; it came to me like a ministering angel, it found me in darkness but I have seen the light.

Yours with respect, H. J. OLSET. NEW YORK DEPARTM'T.

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THE OLD SAMPLER. BY MRS. M. E. SANGSTEL Out of the way, in a corner Of our dear old attic room, Where bunches of herbs from the hillside Shake ever a faint perfume, An oaken chest is standing, With hasp and padlock and key, Strong as the hands that made it, On the other side of the sea.

When the winter days are dreary And we're out of heart with life, Of its crowding cares aweary And sick of its restless strife, We take a lesson in patience From the attic corner dim, Where the chest still holds its treasures, A warder faithful and grim.

Robes of an antique fashion, Linen and lace and silk, That time has tinted with saffron, Though once they were white as milk; Wonderful baby garments, Broidered with loving care By fingers that felt the pleasure As they wrought the ruffles fair;

A sword, with the red rust on it, That flashed in the battle-tide. When from Lexington to Yorktown, Sorely men's souls were tried ; A plumed chapeau, and a buckle, And many a relic fine, And all by itself the sampler, Framed in with berry and vine.

Faded the square of canvas, And dim is the silken thread, But I think of white hands dimpled, And a childish sunny head, For here in cross and in tent-stitch, In a wreath of berry and vine, She worked it, a hundred years ago. "Elizabeth, aged nine."

In and out in the sunshine The little needle flashed, And in and out on the rainy day, When the merry drops down plashed As close she sat by her mother, The little Puritan maid, And did her piece on the sampler, While the other children played.

You are safe in the beautiful heaven, "Elizabeth, aged nine;" But before you went you had troubles Sharper than any of mine. Oh ! the gold hair turned with sorrow White as the drifted snow, And your tears dropped here where I'm standing, On this very plumed chapeau

When you put it away! Its wearer Would need it never more, By a sword-thrust learning the secrets God keeps on yonder shore; And you wore your grief hke glory, You could not yield supine, Who wrought in your patient childhood, "Elizabeth, aged nine!"

Out of the way in a corner, With hasp and padlock and key, Stands the oaken chest of my fathers, That came from over the sea, And the hillside herbs above it Shake odors fragrant and fine, And here on its lid is a garland To "Elizabeth, aged nine."

For love is of the immortal, And patience is sublime, And trouble a thing of every day And touching every time, And childhood sweet and sunny, And womanly truth and grace, Ever can light life's darkness And bless earth's lowliest place.

Mr. Thornton's Diary.

to the earth is not as rich and full of life as how little I really need. Let us forget some true that all acts are true and right in their least token of his regard, or even asking for this was but the work of a moment. The of my soul. I am rejoicing every of aunt Ruth's luxuries and live more after beauty that is to come to the pattern of nature. I made an estimate one life. Already I look into the life of the the other day, and I found we could save fulfuture and find there new joys, new hopes. Iv half, by just getting what we need. The Already my heart opens with a broader spring truth is we are such creatures of habit, that to receive and to give. Who can know God, we think we must follow out all the fashion who is not or expects not to be a parent? we have been reared in. Beef steak, pud-Now I know the infinite tenderness that ever dings, pies, roasts and boils, what does the encircles my life. Before this I have felt good woman on the mountain know of them ? it by longings, now I know it by my experi-We half the time do not need what is set beences. What is this Infinite power that lies fore us. Simple and beautiful that should be back of all causes and effects ? If I comprethe command we should listen to in all our household arrangements."

man that preaches about simplicity, arn't beauty and refinement that exists on the ism will do the country good. you? I heard about one of your sermons, earth belongs by right to each inhabitant. and I thought I would like to come down and There is in cities a concentration of both see what you called a simple life. I spin my wealth and culture, but there is also a conown yarn, and weave my cloth. I raise my centration of misery, poverty and ignorance. potatoes and carrots, and corn and beans. I The class that need the fresh life and vigor of

have a pig and a cow, and some sheep, and it the country waste themselves in squalor. costs me about five dollars a year outside of With all the gay life upon the thronged this, and that I make by selling yarn. I thorougfares there is a want of solid comfort. never am sick, so I want no doctor. I have The masses lie in the back ground, stretcha good appetite, so I want no dainties. I have ing out pitiful hands that no one heeds. We dependent says: "It seems to us that a first. But women are willful things, and you raised six children, and they are all doing feel everywhere that the most substantial of man must be lacking in some element of man- might as well think to make the stars eclipse well, but one. I gave them good constitu- all pleasures is wanting, the feeling that the liness, who, because he cannot hold a woman's the sun at noonday as to make a woman love

"But how about the one," said I. "Oh, merriment that is to be seen and felt. he's a mistake, I expect. He soars to things made me cross and dissatisfied. I did'nt like the divine plan of equality, and of mutual should go free. any thing. That's the only time that I jog- aid would thus form centres for mutual de-

tions, by good work."

content." "But suppose some our had helped you," in the home. said I, "to have followed out your desires." better. You see people imagine they want a heavals. There must be convulsions in socie- some, degrading or unholy. There is no divorce es." thing but food and clothes. I have tried it, gained. At present all society is integral; pel the continuance of any marriage which so ask any odds of any one."

"See here," said Helen, "I have just been will you take it up to your house and hang it more of wealth, beauty or art. There is oc- that is abomination." where you can see it ?"

woman's face, and then it lighted up with a all that is done for another is so much done bered long after the brilliant essays in the his whole existence narrowed down to a single There was a look of sadness first in the old radiance I did not think could rest there.

come out of hell, and spun away the faster, seek to universalize art, education and indus- want. They do not want chains and slavery, or dug away in my potatoe patch. I reckon try. When we can have associations of such but immortal life which is love. we can't be quite satisfied with what we have men, we shall be able to reach out from city to do if we don't look right at it, and at no- to country, receiving from the one to give For the Present Age.

thing else." "Do you think we ought to be satisfied,"

said Helen, gently?

must go back to my field." And she went that turns up a circumstance, and is therefore low ottoman braiding her hair, with eyes fix- patient to take up the funeral dirge. strength is not the whole object of life. This woman is no doubt a good farmer, and lives an independent life, but she was only truly

said, looking round on our room, "You call receiving, a dependence one on another, so has been so common-place, dealing only with fluences to the morning of her bridal. Then these the necessities of life? You are the there should be in society. All the taste and the severe and practical, that this living ideal- the church was filled with smiling faces to see

The Independent on the Richardson Assassination.

A leader in the Independent called out by the recent tragedy, is so liberal that we can say "here is her strength and fortress; hencegive it special mention ! The whole question forth no clouds shall lower upon her pathof divorce is one that the religious world does way"-for his was a noble heart, and he flatnot like to touch. It fears it. The more tered himself that any woman could soon severe of the sects do not allow it. The In- learn to love him, even though indifferent at neighbor is a sharer in all the beauty and affections himself, will therefore deliberately when she cannot, or cease to love when she shoot another man who can. Why do we say must. Truly blessed is the man who marries

We once had a vision of a celestial city. this." For the reason that a man cannot a moman's heart-a fact that Montrose learnhe can't get, despises one sort of life, and Our feet seemed to tread its streets. Its steal another man's wife, without that wife's ed to his sorrow in one short year.

gets misery every hour. I account for it buildings were expressions of architectural consent, and a woman cannot steal another's But now that Sylvia felt that she had done this way: Before he was born, I took a no- beauty But they seemed to be solely devoted husband without that husband's consent. In one great wrong in not heeding the better tion that I would like to be a little better off to education and art. They were great cen- all such cases (with scarce exception,) both impulses of her nature, by firmly adhering to than I was, and I thought I'd try to read a tres of thought and of taste. The homes parties are either equally guilty or equally her first resolve of frankly telling him, and little like educated folks, and they all laugh- were all in the beautiful country adjoining. innocent; and if one should be shot both then patiently await the return of George, ed at me, so I was afraid to try, and that Can we not imagine how society formed on should be shot, if one should go free both she must endeavor to make amends by turning to the duties of a wife with a devotedness

The horrible case is a new illustration of that none might question. But as time pas- most complete and judicious ged off the straight track of hard work and velopment, while all the fresh beauty and the folly and wretchedness of that semi su- sed on, and the moon waxed and waned, her assortment in the country.freedom of the country would be preserved perstitious sentiment, which in the name of brow seemed to partake more and more of its Agents wanted. maintaining the sanctity of marriage, outrage- pale light-and soon her friends were appre-

Our social life is gradually forming itself ously perverts the very idea of marriage, by hensive of the finale, and began to fear that upon the divine plan. What cannot be reach- compelling the life-long union of two persons, the anniversary of her bridal would bring the son for a son, and that would have been no ed by gradual growth comes from great up- either of whom finds such a union to be loath ceremony of "Dust to dust, and ashes to ash-

ty, as in nature, before the equilibrium is and there ought to he no human law to comand I know. I have two hands, and I don't there is no really mutual work, for all that is long as it continues, is nothing better than could not account for this strange Previdence done socially, is expected to contribute to the legalized prostitution. "Whom God hath -that one so young, so beautiful, so well personal good. Each man works on his own joined together-that and that only is the di- cared for should die, was passing strange. framing this little picture that I painted; plan for the purpose of bringing to himself vine idea of marriage. Anything short of He did not seek for the cause of all this, or

casionally a grand nature that sees himself as These fearless words are great landmarks on texture of her organization; or even ask himself how long he could baffle with life were a link to every condition, and who feels that the road of reform. They will be remem-

for himself, who beholds in humanity a vast columns of the popular paper, are forgotten. object, and that forever removed from his "I saw such pictures in my dreams," she and complex machine in which every part has We only want the candid thought on this sub- reach. He only wondered that his beautiful said, "but I cast them away as if they had relation to every other part. Such persons ject, to prove to the world what the people wife that he loved so well, was passing away

numbered-and that soon the morning dews EVERY YOUNG MAN would sparkle on the flowers that decked her last resting place.

At Sylva's request, her friend Lucy was sent for, and when she arrived, night had set in wet and chill. Within all seemed sad and

at me. What do I ask for that I have not? and we hinge on them faith and often prac- cide now," said a laughing girl to a thought- war. The rain pattered against the windows, I will not ask for any thing. Good bye. I tice. It is very often said of any matter ful dark-eyed cousin, who was seated on a and the winds sighed in fitful blasts, as if im-

out, but came back again to say : "If you'll fore changed from direction, Oh, it was a ed as though she was intent in solving some The family were gathered around the dycome up to the mountain, I'll show you the mistake. Lawyers make mistakes and lose newly discovered law of her being. I say, ing, and watching the weary hours of night whole country about." Helen sat and pon- their clients. Doctors also and lose their pa- Lucy, 1 must decide now. Father told me depart. About three o'clock all were startdered, after she had gone. "I see more tients. The clergyman makes a mistake, and this morning, I should wait no longer, and I led by a rattling, gurgling sound, and a call clearly than ever," she said, "that a woman his parish has departed. The young girl have made up my mind to marry Egbert from the Doctor "Quick-quick, raise her destroys her finer nature when she attempts makes a mistake, and the world turns her Montrose. Lucy turned her head in the di- up." When her position was made easy again to force herself into a life that does not whol- away-the young man also, and he loses great rection of the voice, and replied, "Why, she said, "There, I am going now." As her ly satisfy her. The development of muscular expectation. There is not a man or woman Sylvia Grey! what has driven you to that breath grew shorter, and followed each othbut is ready to lament and deplore some wild conclusion-you have always told me er in quick succession, it seemed to rise a little above her head, and form itself into

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that you did not love Montrose."

mistake.

Mistakes.

We build up many theories in this world,

to the other.

Montrose's heart clung to the pale sufferer with an intensity none can imagine. He

hend it not, yet it must be there, just as surely as I stand back of that embryo life close linked to Helen's heart, and stretch out to it the arms of my heart to embrace it in the tenderness and wealth of love. That which I know of humanity, I know through myself. All my experiences teach me of my fellow men. As I suffer, I know others have suffered ; as I rejoice, I know others rejoice.

But Oh, the wonder and beauty of Infinite love! How can the human heart know of it save by its experiences. As it reaches outward through its inner life, so it knows through its inward hopes and aspirations of the goodness, love and beauty of God.

But I am troubled again as to the sphere of women. While I have been searching to give her all that she demanded, yet now I find her in a condition to receive every thing. She must be cared for. The condition of maternity is one of receptivity. The mother's heart is tender, the body is sensitive ; I almost think that the nerves force themselves outward, so that the least harsh breath touches them unpleasantly.

Surely the woman who bears children canin art and literature. Huge posters daily not labor hard. She must be gently cared for. I do not much wonder that men who reason from narrow premises come to conclude that woman has a sphere distinct from the trade, and all places of amusement are filled. masculine; that she has inherited a work In fact winter is to the city what summer is something more than policy. It was a recogquite distinct from man. But I am not quite sure but man, in regulating the position of life, a bursting out of force into forms of beauwoman, is bringing to himself a double woe.

It must be true that each human soul has a right to perform the labor that is congenial to it. And if any human being in the uniand to every possible freedom, it is the prospective mother. When I think that a human soul lies enshrined in the heart of my Helen, dependent very largely for its future glory or shame, for its happiness or woe, on the conditions that surround her, then I feel that I liberty ! thou alone can'st regenerate human- that of cities. ity.

A funny little episode to our daily life gave art and all the excitement of literature equalus much merriment. An old woman from |1y among the people. We want closer relathe mountain, a relation of Susan's, appeared tion between the circumference and the cenin our setting-room the other day. She had tre. If New York could send to the country en a linsey-woolsey gown, a blue plaid apron, its laborers, and find room for its surplus ina balloon hood, and a heavy shawl. Her face habitants, and the country could reach to the was brown and her hands hard, but there city for its taste and culture, we should then was a merry twinkle in her eye, and a bright realize somewhat of the spirit of true republiintelligent look on her face! canism. "This is what you call living, is it," she As in families there is a mutual giving and

New York in Winter.

The cold season has set in early. The signs of winter ushered it in, in a day. The soft snow flakes that covered up brown pastures, lay as gently on stone pavements; the clear white mantle covered up the mud and defilement of the gutter just as it did the way-side ditch. But the city did not rest a moment under the soft wrapping. In the night, before the snow had ceased to fall, the merry sound of the bells was heard, and at early light there was shouting and merriment in all the streets. Every one was bent on pleasure, the milkmen in their carts, and the boys on their sleds. Even the poor half frozen children of want, found delight in handling the soft mass, and tossed it up and brushed it about with glee. One would imagine that there was only gladness in all their life, that there was no underrust of weariness, hunger and cold. The streets were so full of gladness that one forgot the homes a little way off.

There is in winter also an intensity of life

announce some lecture, concert or display of pictures. The galleries are thronged even in the dull days, the book-stores do a lively that his appointment of the Quakers as com-

ty and use. But why are the cities thus great conservatories of art; and concentrators of intellectual life. The country should be just as much verse has a right to the widest field of labor, the home of art, and should offer just as great attractions and incentives to intellectual labor. Is it not because of the isolation of each district or village, and even of individuals. The law of concentration of force reyeals itself in the city more than in the country. There is a mutual dependence upon cannot be justified in controlling those condi- each other in the city. The shop-keeper tions. It is only by the woman's own wishes seeks to gratify his customers, the corner groand aspirations that those conditions can be cery knows from whence it will receive patgauged. It is what woman desires to do in ronage. But in the country each farm is a her best and truest moments, that can help us little world. It meets its own wants, there as men to know how to aid her. Liberty, is little exchange or barter compared with What we want is to send all the beauty of

What mankind want is to work out their inte- my father of my hopeless love, or be silent, in. All speech is but the external expres- my room this morning and told me all about were gone. sion of an inner force, and all action is that it. He said I was old enough to know that inner life revealing itself. Whatever we do marriage was all-all the world gave woman is done from some sort of impulse. The sim- -that it was her only hope, and that it was plest act is revelation of that which is within. of vital importance she make a wise selection. Is it not a blessed fact, that all this interior That woman has nothing to do with clerical, force must produce itself in the external? medical, or legal professions; and for politi-There is really nothing hidden or concealed cal and commercial power, they alone belong in the Universe. If then this inner force re- to man; and that as women, we ought not

condition which inspires them. It seems often as if our acts were depend- be crazy to think of refusing Montrose."

ent on another, and yet all outside influence is within us. The condition in ourselves determines the action of that without us. Action is only the expression of inner life.

Thus whatever we do is born of a condition, success is no surety of the right. The truth is, we are all dependent upon laws and was quite certain that few ladies had that we did not form, and upon conditions brighter prospects of a long happy life." that we cannot change. True and noble ac-

tion is always success, no matter what results follow it. The greatest failures are often marks of Divine action. Our mistakes often lead us to wisdom. What seems failure in the external world, is often success in the spiritual. The soul that grows by experi- am sure he trusts. I know he thinks I will ence, can count nothing lost.

Government and the Indians.

Gen. Grant must have a bit of sentiment n his calm nature, for we cannot but feel missioners to the Indians of the West, was to the country; there is an exuberance of nition of those traits of sincerity and honesty that have always been associated with the name Friends, that made him put

justice into their hands. We learn several very important facts from the result of the expedition. These men of broad brims, and solemn mien, had no prejudices against the red men. The founder of their societies in this country was always their friend. They found that all treatment and injury had caused a great deal of the ferocity and dissatisfaction of the Indians. They had no faith in the

Government, that had sent them from one part to another. They wanted the assurance that government was really inclined to care for them.

taught them by the whites, they yet were teachable. At one of the agencies, a class ter; that they have other aims in life, other

comprehending what they read. All that is wanted is perseverence and good aith. They can soon become self-supporting and industrious if only they can be made to believe that they are to recieve no more

wrongs. There is a kind of romance in this picture her father for a longer delay, Sylvia allowed

condition. There is nothing hut success in himself a place in my memory. So I have Doctor exclaimed Look-look Sir ! and inall of life .- No mistake or failure is possible. no excuse. I must either come out and tell stantly on that shadowy form was written in rior life, or to give expression to what is with- and comply with his wishes. Father came to of Marriage"-and the spirit and the shadow

dress as above

peats itself in the external, or if all interior only to be content, but should be proud life is outworking itself in the outer or world to see our fathers, husbands, and brothers enof forms, all acts are true and right to the joy these high honors, and do all in our power to add to their happiness; and says I must

"Why did you not tell your father to wait be present and take part in the exercises. is only a power dependent upon that which till you loved him, and then you would not hesitate ?"

"Yes, and so I did tell him to wait till I could marry some one that I could love. But he said nonsense, any one could love Montand is true to it. Failure is no mistake, and rose. For his part he felt no little pride on learning that I was the one of his choice,

> "Well, Sylvia, since you have made me your father confessor, let us have the secret. What is it? what about this George Tullman? Why should you care for one who can leave you so unceremoniously ?"

"Yes, yes, I know; if that was all. But I wait his return. The last time we met, his heart seemed bursting with feelings which he could neither express or restrain. He stood gazing into my eyes with a deep, earnest look, as though he would read every page on the record of my memory, to see if any other name was recorded there. Then with a half-smothered sob, he pressed me to his lips, and imprinted a long, deep fervent kiss, and muttered to himself, yes, yes; I know-but I am poor. And ere I could speak, he was many paces away, with the seal of his strong will stamped upon his purpose of yet being able to offer wealth as well as love.

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"Then go-go to your father at once, and tell him all about it."

"Oh, no ! I cannot speak to him again on the subject. I did ask him if marriage was

The Friends found that with their poor liv- not as much to men as women? He said, ing, their dark, smoky lodges, their vices, By no means-with men it is like other little incidentals, thrown in to fill up the chap-

that a year ago could not read, is now able to objects to live for-perchance a world to con- Instruction is given in the Mathematics and their applicaread distinctly and with good accent, yet, not quer. So you see, it is all over. But I am sure if he could know how I dread this drudgery of marriage without love, his pride would

waver a little before he would forge the chain that binds me to hopeless misery.' But Cuba was a great way off, and

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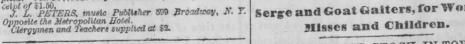


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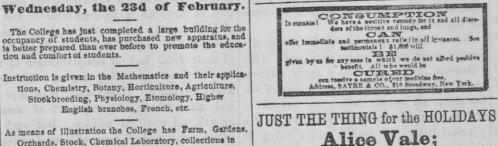
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MOTHER NATURES LOVE IS NEW TO EACH CHILD.

Nature sees through thee, knows thee, through an through, And seeing through thee, therefore loves she thee,

Lovas her own love in thee; and loving thee, Therefore respects thee, and in thee herself. Behold now: never could a human mother, In all her haman poverty, respect A child of hers so chastely, sacredly, As Nature from the first doth honor thee; The beam of light is new, and heavenly-pure That greets thee as a child ; the nectar draught Given thee to brasthe, each mouthful of pure air is fresh-prepared in that great laboratory Of spirits for thyself, an effluence From newest heavens; each beaker, nay, each drop Of water is prepared and cooled for thee In secret caverns,---and the strawberry And the sweet cherry which thy childish fingers Bore to thy little mouth, not one of these, These treasures man e'er tasted before thee! They have been made, compounded, wove for thee The little glossy goblets of thy grapes Only for thee have they poured out the must She brought to thee fresh from the Maker's hand From secret depths of ecstacy, for thee, For thee alone prepared the maid, to be Thy consort ; -- and the children, only thine, That none on earth had ever owned before. That none on earth will ever own henceforth So long as Heaven endures !- the cloud itself That sails so swiftly by, will never shade Another,-for behold it falls in rain ! The breeze will never cool another brow, For lo ! e'en now it dies in yonder brake ! That rainbow no man ever more will see, For even now its hues fade on thy sight The lark will sing this song to none again, For from the clouds she drops and it is hushed ! An only song which thou alone hast heard, Thus all is thine uniquely as thyself is. Yea, know thou that the hand is always new With which then takest nature's every gift ; With ever new and ever changing hand Thou givest his gift to the beggar ; ah, And his hand has e'en now grown older too ! Night after night Heaven sends fresh dreams to thee Day after day new senses and new will, New and original force, thoughts, mind and life ; A life unique, peculiar, all thine own, Thou livest forth from the eternal fount, Entwined with Him more closely than the child Is with its mother in the mother's lap ! Like a great thunder-cloud far-stretching, full Of might and majesty and fruitfulness, Broods over thee God's presence ever near, And through the delicate network of thy frame Passing the tissue of the finest flower .----The heavenly influence flows down into thee, With blissful, ever new-creating might, Like streams of fragrance pouring into flowers, That stand benumbed and breathe benumbing scents ! And thou --- forget not thus to breathe around Rich perfume of pure thought and of still love, Still-as the thunder-cloud that charges thee ! Leopold Schefer-Layman's Breviary.

Personality of Deity. NO. III.

It has been affirmed, in our last article, that the idea of a Personal Deity did not criginate in any such way as the Idealist ascumes, and this naturally leads to a more careful survey of the origin of this notion; for, though we have admitted that the conception of simple personality must have been is worthless also. suggested from man's consciousness of his own personalized existence, still from that consciousness of self-existence never could have originated; the notion we are discussing, without some other and prior ideas. What were these, and what their genesis? One, was the profound [conviction in the mind of the primitive men that they ally the effect transcending the cause in its festations have been more numerous, varied age laws against spiritual manifestations, forwere dependent. Another, was the great un-nature, functions and uses. The vegetable and powerful than those of any past era. As getting that Jesus abolished them by a public ments. While still another, was the mighti- and the animal far transcends them both, yet ness-the omnipotence of the powers which they are respectively the causes of each othcurrounded and controlled them. With er. Cause is parent, effect is child. Effects, reason immature, fancy active, and ignorance in turn, become causes, thus proving our poonfolding him as a garment, is it possible to sition. suppose man, in the midst of all this dread But it is also asserted that matter is inert uncertainty, to have reached any other idea and lifeless, having no power of self-action, or than that the elements were the manifesta- motion. Very well ; but it moves continualtions of powerful persons to be propitiated, ly-it never rests. Who has the right to say feared, or praised as the means of good, or ill it is not self-impelled? Because under certo the infant man. Such was the only possi- tain conditions there is relative rest, the theoble suggestion which could be made to man logical sophist affirms absolute rest except in his primitive condition, and the whole his- ab extra force compel the motion. The fact tory of the progress of human ideas shows is, absolute motion is the fact and attribute special volition of Deity. Spiritualism, affirmthis to be the true mode of their primal evo- of Universal Being. And in this connection, ing the harmony of all its wonders with law, is, lution in the human consciousness. The first it should be noticed that motion in mat- therefore, compelled to furnish, in addition to Repeated disappointments and spiritual reve-Gods were the elements, and the first worship ter, or the existence of matter is alike im- the healing, trance and other gifts of the for lations hardly sufficed to teach them the true fear. The notion of Personality was equally possible, on the supposition of a personal former age, a vast variety of physical maniinevitable for the primitive race were never Deity, infinite in his attributes. This God festations, involving all possible applications guilty of imagining principles, or acting po- had rested in self-contemplative idleness of the imponderable forces in the production of tencies outside of man, or some animate be- through an infinite series of ages. He is im- motion in matter, and a spiritual telegraphy ing; hence, they never could view the thun- mutable-he changes not. But behold a between the natural and spiritual worlds. So der in any other light than the voice of some marvelous change-the whole vastness, of general is the occurrence of these manifestapowerful person, and the red lightnings were materiality is brought into being! How? tions, that but few places of any size are with- Jesus, even in the lifetime of some of the the angry flashing of his eye. "He rode upon From whence? Not from outside of in- out one or more person in whose presence they Apostles. And after the death of John, the c cherub, and did fly; yea, he did fly upon finity. Not from nothingness, for God occur. And, as every one can witness them, the wings of the wind." The Gods, had fills all space as well as duration. Mat- it is needless to give minute description, as their places of abode like mortals. One re- ter then, is of him, from him, and in him. our point is the resemblance of Christianity Advent" have been fixed in the different censided on "high Olympius," another on Par- It cannot be unlike him, for nothing intelli- and Spiritualism in this particular. nassus, another in the sea, while yet another gent and wise, can produce its opposite. But Another point of resemblance is found in is reported as saying "Heaven is my dwell- how could it be at all? We answer, its exis- the fact that the New, in each instance, com in reference to the Advent, which affected ing place," though sometimes, when special- tence is an impossibility without a change in prehended the Old, but was itself, to the Old Peter, Paul, John and Jude, contributed no ly interested in the reports from earth, he Deity. Bear in mind that motion in an in- an unsolved mystery. Christianity was to the doubt to their reckless attempts at communhas declared " I will go down and see what telligent being, is impossible without volition, Jew "a stumbling block," and to the cultured, ism. Christ was to appear so soon, what was the sons of men do." These juvenile notions and volition is equally impossible without af- "Greek foolishness. So now, the church dev- tha use of their retaining their little houses were the necessary sequences of the intellect- fections impelling, and reason assenting there- otee stumbles over Christ, in his second com- and lands. They would sell them and live on ual status and conditions of the early races to. Now, what could produce a change in ing. And as his Jewish prototype declared the proceeds 'till he came. It is cheerfully of humanitary life. The Monotheistic doc- the conduct of God after so many ages of per- the Teacher was "mad and had a devil," so admitted, that the principle of communism is trine was an impossibility then, as was the feet rest. It could not be from without, for he in sermons, papers, books and prayers, pro- just and true to a certain extent, for it is the hero-worship of more recent times. The the very terms of the proposition exclude the claims the madness and demonism of Spiritual- principle of universal brotherhood. But the more perfect ideas of Deity, about which without. It must come from within. But to ism. But to the Greek, -the infidel scientist, communistic church at Jerusalem had not theologians boast so much, were the product come from within, involves an essential change it is foolishnes-a humbug. To the thinker, considered the problem of communism for all of ages of thought and philosophic investiga- in disposition or nature. But if such change this is no surprise. The old never compre- time, during ages of progress. Nor, had they tion. The progress of the race, as shown in is possible, then no such God exists. But if hended the new. The physicians of Harvey's made any plans how it was to be supported its history reveals the steps by which these such an immutable Deity exists, then crea- day could not comprehend the circulation of and continued. In the first blush of their original superstitions of man's childhood have tion is an impossibility-the universe in the blood, any more than the philosophers of new faith, and inspired by the deep spiritual become the cherished idols of his youthful un- essence is eternal and furnishes no sort of the time of Galileo could understand planeta- love, which they felt for each other, and realfolding, though they are not a little modi- proof of the existence of a personal designing ry motion. What men do not understand they izing the sweet joys of brotherly fellowship, fied, and dressed in more modern apparel. Deity. But this being the real origin of the idea, the Having settled these points, we are pre- conception is inevitable. The old, or past most of these privileges 'till the coming King assumption that it is a spontaneity of the pared to advance a step and ask by what au- experiences of man, are those of his childhood should come and set up his kingdom. From this position ; "granted that the sensational- tion, without the faintest shadow of evidence phy of manhood is inconceivable. But as day. The Christian dispensation came in, ist with his philosophy can never attain the for support. idea of Deity, or prove it to be true when found-that his argument from design is fallaposition be valid, 1 wish to see it so com-plately demonstrated as to leave no room fo We have already met it in the position that claimed a perfect knowledge of their own; and gevernment and system is denounced with fa-

first came into the human consciousness. If force, then eternal order is the fact and law this position be well taken, it at once ends of the Universe, and chance and disorder are other remarks. And as I wish to have the question fully be-

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efore accomplish thy labor of love, till the heart

NO. V.

strong, and patient endurance

Longfellow

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fore us, Iwill state the argument as strongly Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted; as it will possibly bear. And first, the de If it enrich not the heart of another, its waters, returnin mands of reason. (1.) It is affirmed that every Back to their spring, like the rain, shall fill them fall cause must produce an effect, and vice versa, That which the fountain sends forth returns again to or in other words, for every phenomenon there exists a substratum of power. The realm of Patience, accomplish thy labor, accomplish thy work forms is that of phenomena. Forms begin to sorrow and silence a be, they do not produce themselves. Their production implies motion in matter. But, matter in itself is inert-motionless; therefore Purified, streng thened, perfected, and made more worth volition is indispensable, and volition implies

personality, hence, a personal Deity. What is Spiritualism? (2.) No effect can be greater than its cause. Man is an effect-he begins to be. If there be no personal Cause or Deity, who produced him, then man exceeds the causes, or cause which produced him, for he is greater than all the universe besides, he is its crown and head. The affirmations above, as to the mutual relation of cause and effect need not be called in question. But we ask, and have a right so to do, what is cause? If it be replied, "a producing power," then we inquire farther as to the method of production. If it be said that causation implies the production of a second entity by a first, the second being intrinsically unlike the first, and containing no part of its producer's substance, or life, then we deny the assumption in toto, and demand the proof. So far as human knowledge goes, we are able to demonstrate that every effect embodies the essentials of its cause. Effect is only cause modified to a certain extent. Hence, if man is an effect, he contains the elemental forces of the causative power producing him. Theists have declared him to be

made in the image of God." But how can infinity be imaged? How obtain its likeness or representation? The thing is an impossibility, hence, if the assumption is true, God is finite. If untrue, the argument of the Theist

If our definition of cause be correct, and it is the one accepted by the thinkers of the age, then it may be found that effects transcend immensely, any one of the composite forms of causation producing them. In the progres- have abounded far more than in others. sive ascent from the lowest condition of organized being to the highest, we see continu-

PHILOSOPHICAL DEP'T. any possible cavil. And it is not too much to the material universe embodies in itself the that it susperseded the other. They admitted natic ferocity. This insensate clamor has led say it ought to be. If a Personal God exist eternal law of harmonic order. It needs no that the other had its use, was adapted to its to the opinion, referred to in our first article, he certainly is able to make his existence prying person to look after its concerns for its time and circumstances, but was never intend. that Spiritualism is simply iconoclastic-a known in a manner so clear and decisive that spontaneous life evolves its even perfect law. ed as a finality-it was "a shadow of good congeries of negations. But as the great unbelief shall be an impossibility. Indeed No chance, no disorder or discord obtains in things to come." They, therefore, "abol- idea of Christ is not to be measured by the there should be nothing left to faith, on a its boundless domain. In fact the objection ished "its ceremonial observances, and pro- fanaticisms of the Jerusalem Church, neither question so momentous, absolute certainty is as to chance lies against the Theistic idea en- claimed a spiritual worship in its stead. The are we to measure Spiritualism by the clamor the least we can reasonably ask. Such de- tirely. Their God is a being of caprice. peculiar significance of the old ceremonies and of its shallow-minded fanatics. Nor ought monstrations however, is not furnished us, He has drowned the world once; and when he ritual is the burden of the Epistle to the He- we to forget that a new dispensation always and we will attend to the promised moral will send a deluge of fire, no one can tell. brews-the gospel of Barnabas, and various intensifies the predominant tendency of the demonstration of a Deific Personality, this He has created, and he may destroy. He other writings of the early Christians. The age. It is a tropical heat, and mental growths being all we are allowed to expect. The main has been a miracle worker, and no one can Mosaic ritual, to the Jew was the sum of all ripen, or reach their ultimate, with immense assumption which meets us, is this, we are tell when he may change his mind, and break perfection, it was Ged's own word, and addi- rapidity. In the religious world, for over necessitated to adopt this idea in order to up to a greater or less extent the present tion or subtraction was the greatest sacrilege. two centuries, Protestantism has been disinmeet the imperative demands of human reason working of nature's forces. Providence, so But the Christian has added his records to tegrating and individualizing. The Baconian and affection, and hence, it is comparatively a called, is naught but chance, or, in other the Jew's, and proclaims the same dogma of method of induction in science and philo and anection, and hence, it is comparatively a matter of the same direction, and hence, it is comparatively a matter of like importance how, or when it inspirational—the sum total of all life—of all persuasion that their system was the incarna- American government, and the American government gover tion of all wisdom, was necessary in order to type of thought, are children of these parents. the controversy, for what is necessary is true, banished. But we will protract this article invoke that flaming zeal which so soon carried It is inevitable then that the foremost fanatin the sense in which the term is there used. no farther now, reserving to a closing one, the Gospel over the Roman Empire, or world. icism should be in this direction, and that

The Christian, no more than the Jew, can unity should be sacrificed to diversity and "look to the end of that which was to be disorder, in the vehement affirmation of "Intestament of the "dispensation of the Fullness of Times" of Christ, "in the ages to come, showing forth the exceeding riches of his grace "---of his "second appearing," but, like his pharisaic predecessors, he "cannot denies that the officers of his regiment (colhis grace "---of his "second appearing," but,

the present dispensation with the past, or stumbled nor offended at the blind and furious so far as I can remember, with uniform cour-Christian age. 1. The first point of resemblance forced upon our attention, is the fact that both were tested all its reasonings. They have weighed through all its reasonings. They have weighed introduced by signs and wonders, or apparent them in the balances of impartial justice, and ments, we encountered little discomfort and the works of Jesus and his apostles. It is defect-their utter incapacity to meet those The opposition was far less than among Northwere in perfect accord with the humane genius of his religion; consisting mostly of cases of healing the sick and suffering. The exercise of these remarkable powers for the gratifica-tion of mere curiosity, or to impress people with his power seemed to have no place in the raising, or solve the problems of their own with his power seemed to have no place in the raising, or solve the problems of their own ment, made by the French jurnals, that the mind of Jesus. The turning of water into wine propounding. The man of the New Age la- Pope has addressed a letter to the refractory -the cursing of the fig tree, and the destruc- bors under no such embarrassment, but inter- Carmelite, exhorting him to retract his now fation of the swine, with a few other instances, prets the dogmas and mysteries of the church, would seem to be exceptions to the usual rule as though they were old and familiar friends- solute silence on the subject. He shows, inof benificence, and are no doubt fabricated he has learned the philosophy of the method. deed, that he is not pleased at the interference stories, like those of his miraculous concep- Paul explained the matter in his time, when of the Bishop of Orleans, whose letter to Pere tion. In the reported exorcisms of demons, he declared that "the natural man comprewe see Jesus and his disciples subject to the hended not the things of the spirit, because prevalent superstitions of their times, so far they are spiritually discerned." So infected

as the supernatural is concerned. These is the church with the spirit and method of manifestations continued very common, for infidelism, that it has forgotten the way of the sionally abbreviating the latter to save space, some generations in the primitive church, but spirit, and seeks to explain spiritual things with some very curious results. References gradually became less frequent, though they without inspiration. Being thus put to shame have never entirely ceased, and in some ages before a tribunal of its own choosing, it foams and raves with "threatnings and slaughter"

Spiritualism was introduced in the same against the heavenly inspiration which dis-

abolished," and, as a consequence of that in-fatuation, is incapable of understanding the new when it comes. He rails at the Jew for new when it comes. He rails at the Jew for turned. The anarchists are finding themcrucifying the body of Jesus, and in the same selves continually in the minority, and though breath commits the worse murder of crucify- able to impede and annoy the wise workers, ing the Spirit of Christ. He reads in his cannot prevent the work of reconstruction from moving steadily forward. PEBBLES.

like his pharisaic predecessors, he "cannot discern the signs of the times." Christ figers of the army. He says "I can recall no "comes to his own," and they "receive him isolation except during the first few months in

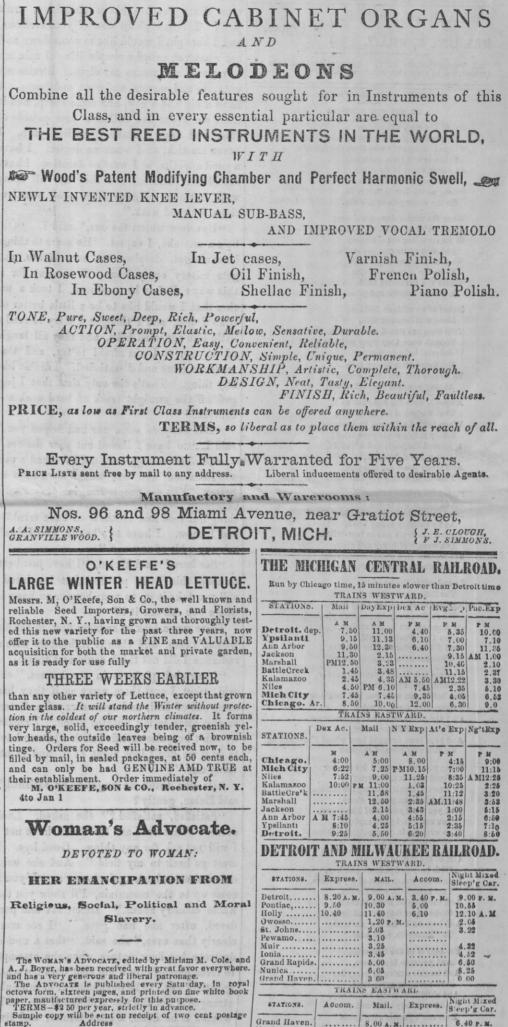
camp, when we were so incessantly occupied In further elucidation and definition of our topic, we may gain some light by comparing Old. Those who are in it, and of it, are not we had multitudes of visitors, who treated us, introduced by signs and wonders, or apparent miracles. And if we are to credit the ac-counts, Judaism was introduced by similar events. It is not necessary to particularize

> mous epistle, and submit to the general of his erder. The Holy Father has preserved an ab-Hyacinthe has given almost as much offence at the Vatican as the one it condemns

A hymn-book lately published by the spir itualists makes an attempt to combine an index of authors and an index of first lines, occaare given to-

Do not wound the heart that loves- Dexter Smith.' "Have ye heard of the beautifal—Amana T. Jones." "Oh, I love the sparkling—Mrs. Cora Daniels." "We come, we come from—Hudson Tuttle."

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they were to meet exigencies never existing before, it was necessary they should. The figuration, where Moses, their author, with wonders of Christ were wrought among a Elijah manifested himself. people singularly infatuated with the idea of Another point of comparison, is found in the supernatural, in whose imagination every the fact that the initial period is one of much

wonder was exaggerated in conception and mistake, and delusive notions on the part of description. Those of Spiritualism are under the half fledged converts. The commencethe merciless criticism of modern science, ment of nearly or quite all great movements, which aims at absolute exactitude. Had the is attended with more or less fanaticism on signs of former ages been subjected to such a the part of those apparently the most devoted test, they would have dwarfed immensely in thereto. The fanaticism of Christ's early distheir proportions. The claim of the Chris- ciples was very great. He was to them a tians for their wonders, was miracle-they Jewish Messiah, who would soon be crowned were above and beyond law-the result of a at the Capital, drive out and conquer the Romans and set up the throne of David in all (and even more than) its ancient splendor. nature of the kingdom of heaven. Nay, the old Jewish narrowness and partialism lives and rules in the Christian church to-day. This notion of an earthly dominion had such deep root in the Jewish mind that the early church expected a speedy personal re-appearance of

supposed favorite, the idea has lived on, and almost innumerable times for the "Second turies. Disappointment fails to cure the church of its Jewish error. This fanaticism,

will misrepresent. But in the main, this mis- they resolved to avail themselves to the ut-

human reason—an intuitional, or clairvoyant thority it can be affirmed that the apparently and youth. No one expects the child to com- this source, in part, came the practice of celi- COIN, perception of the human spirit, falls hopeless- inherent life-forces of nature are not sternal, prehend the experience of manhood or woman- bacy, and the tacit approval of slavery and ly to the ground, and the Idealist is equally as and self-existent of themselves? Who has hood. The adult comprehends the child, hav- other forms of social wrong. Whoever will poor as the Sensationalist in the matter of come down from beyond their birth to acquaint ing been one. The stereotyped fossils of an- take the time to carry out this line of thought proof for his Personal Deity. But at this us with their genesis? No one; and the as- cient creeds are in the juvenility of religious will detect the origin of not a few of the antistage of the discussion I shall be met with sertion of their creation is sheerist assump- youth. To them, the experience and philoso- christian notions taught by the church of to-

children usually repeat the sayings of their from, and primarily to, a race, long and fear-FORKS, But without further illustration, we pass to parents so do they, and rest satisfied because fully oppressed, and also bitterly hated and another point under this general head. (3.) of their total lack of comprehension of the despised. As a consequence, their fanaticisms cious, and therefore worse than nothing; and "Reason," it is said, "can never suppose very saying, which they repeat with such were modified in accord with their situation. admit the failure of the idealist in his claim of the Universe to be drifting on the sea of un- fluent volubility. Happy would it be, if phys- The Spiritual Dispensation comes in, from epontaneous perception, or suggestion, because certainty, nor events to be the product of ical manhood was an exponent of mental and to, the freest people time ever saw, and of the pre-existance of the idea, cutting off all chance," which is the inevitable inference if a growth and spiritual culture. But such is its delusions will correspond to its mental and appeal to the supposed evidence of human personal Deity be denied, there being no not the case, and all new religions find them- social status. As Christianism naturally rushexperience, and asserted revelation to third supposition." To this, we answer, selves uncomprehended by the mass, who per- ed into unreasoning, and therefore, short-lived man; yet is there proof, amply suff- very true, reason can never indulge in any tinaciously adhere to the old idea and notions. communism. Spiritualism intensifying the cient to perfectly demonstrate the exist- such suppositions, nor is it obliged to escape The first teachers of the Christian age assume gravitation of the age, beholds thousands of its FLOWER AND VEGETABLE ance of a Divine Personality." Now, if this them by resting in the assumptions of theo- to fully understand the genius of the Mosaic first adherents adopting the most extreme and position be valid, I wish to see it so com- logians; their dilemma is easily set aside. or Monotheistic Dispensation. They also selfish individualism. All organization, order,

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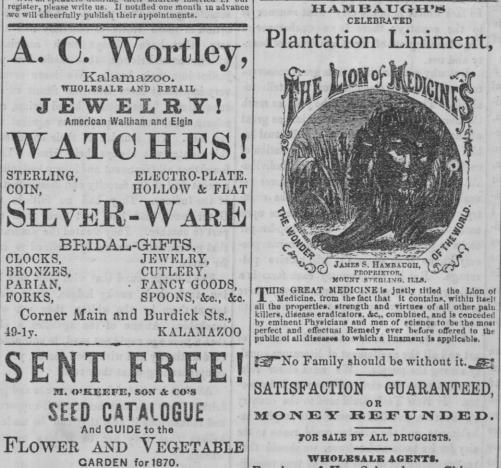
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